



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

MAY 2018

OZANAM SUNDAY HOSTED BY ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

On Sunday, April 29 Vincentians, volunteers, and supports from across the diocese came together to celebrate Ozanam Sunday.



The afternoon began with a mass said by Father Angelo Patti, the pastor at St. Andrew's Parish.



The celebration continued with a social in the church hall where good food and fellowship completed the festivities.

[Click here](#) for more photos of the day's events.



TENTH ANNUAL SVDP YOUTH MINISTRY GOLF OUTING

The Golf outing is **Thursday, June 7** at the Park Hills Country Club. But there is still time to register a foursome, an individual, or to become a sponsor.

For more information call or email Sonny Consiglio at 814-695-8773, avdepaul@atlanticbbn.net.



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Highmark for a Healthy Community Walkers

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL WALK

On Saturday, May 19 it was overcast but the rain held off and made for ideal conditions for the Walk.

A lot of hard work goes into signing up teams and getting donations for the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community. So far the Walk has generated \$10,000 for the Johnstown Food for Family's Kitchen but it's not too late to donate. [Donations](#) can be made on line until June 29.

The Walk would not be possible without the help of volunteers. Thanks to everyone that helped make this year a success.

Here are pictures from the Walk of some of our volunteers.



From left: Dylan Lehman, Tom Leman's Grandson; Tom Lehman, Manager of the Johnstown Food for Family Warehouse; Greg Karcher, Manager of the Johnstown Family Kitchen; Mary Jo Podratsky, Associate Principal at Divine Mercy Catholic Academy East; Marian Cyburt, Science Teacher at Divine Mercy Catholic Academy East



Don Tedjeske, SVDP Johnstown Council President



2018

- **THURSDAY, JUNE 7**
Youth Ministry Golf Outing
Park Hills Country, Altoona
9:00 am Registration
9:30 am Shotgun Tee Time
- **SATURDAY, JUNE 22 -23**
[Eastern Region Meeting](#)
Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton
Emmitsburg, MD
8:30 am

GREATER JOHNSTOWN KEY CLUB HOLDS EMPTY BOWLS DINNER

For the past nine years, the Johnstown Key Club has been participating in the Empty Bowls Project*. This year diners were serviced soup in ceramic bowls, hand-made by the Key Club and then given the bowls to take home. Proceeds from the dinner were divided between St. Vincent de Paul Society, Martha and Mary House, and the Women’s Help Center.

St. Vincent de Paul is very grateful to be one of the beneficiaries of this worthwhile project.



*Wikipedia defines “Empty Bowls” as an international project to fight hunger, personalized by artists and art organizations on a community level.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES IN JOHNSTOWN RECEIVES GRANT

Food for Families received a \$40,000 grant from the [Lee Initiative Health and Wellness Endowment](#) (LIHWE). Georgia Lehman, administrative assistant for the Johnstown Food for Families submitted the grant proposal last November.



The goal of the LIHWE is to improve the health and well-being of residents in the area served by the former Lee Hospital in Western Pennsylvania. The LIHWE website goes on to state that the projects should improve the health of the residents of the region, as well as, make the community a better place to live. They consider applications from existing organizations with proven “track records” during the grant process.

Food for Families help thousands of people each year and easily met the criteria set by the LIHWE so it was fitting that Georgia titled the grant, “Keep Food on the Table”. She requested the maximum of \$50,000, and explained the need for the funds is to fill the shelves of the warehouse.

Georgia said, “I was cautiously optimistic that we would get something but was surprised and elated to have received \$40,000.”

Georgia attended a Grant Award Reception on May 10, 2018 at the Holiday Inn in Johnstown where grant recipients formally received the grant award. Several area agencies received grants and SVDP Food for Families is grateful to be one of the recipients.



NOTES FROM THE MUDDY KNEES GANG THE MONASTERY COMMUNITY GARDENS

UPDATES: The garden plots are finished and marked off. The field has been plowed and disced and tilled.

DUMP TRUCK NEEDED: We’d like to get a load of compost from Blair County’s Recycling Center, but we need a dump truck. Do you know of anyone with a dump truck who will help us?

DEDICATION OF THE NEW HIGH TUNNEL AND BLESSING OF THE GARDEN:

Tentative date June 2 . Details to follow.

[Click here](#) to visit Monastery Gardens website.