



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ALTOONA/JOHNSTOWN

JULY 2019

JOHNSTOWN COOLER/FREEZER PROJECT TIME LINE

October 2018

The Food for Families Johnstown warehouse, along with Concurrent Technologies chairman, Ed Sheehan, conducts a letter writing campaign to assist with the project funding. The campaign has raised \$14,000.

May 2019

The FFF Johnstown warehouse was awarded a \$2,500 grant toward the project through the Daniel & Marcia Glosser Foundation. The grant is administered through the Community Foundation of the Alleghenies (CFA).

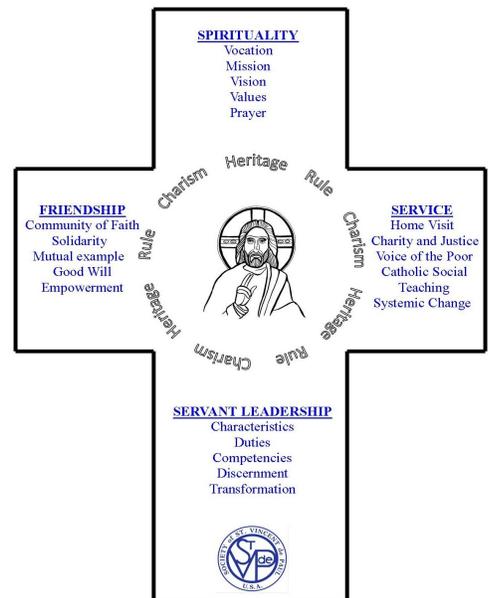
Warehouse staff clean out the existing cooler and freezer in preparation of the installment. The new equipment was delivered on May 24. The project took approximately 4 weeks to complete. The new equipment is up and running.

June 2019

The first Annual Feed the Need Food Truck Rodeo was held on Sunday, June 16 at Peoples Natural Gas Park. Proceeds will be used toward the cooler/freezer project as well. This event raised nearly \$6,000.



OZANAM ORIENTATION



Want to learn more about St. Vincent de Paul Society?

Attend an Ozanam Orientation.

Orientation will be **Saturday, August 10, 2019 9:00 am to 1:00 pm** at **St. John's Parish**, 161 E 1st Ave, Everett, PA Orientation is open to everyone; members, volunteers, and parishioners interested in learning more about the Society.

For more information and to register, contact [Sonny Consiglio](mailto:Sonny.Consiglio) at 814-943-1981.

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**Feed the Need Rubber Duck Race
Family Fun Day
Sunday, August 4, 2019
Noon to 6 P.M.**

Sandyvale Memorial Park, Hickory Street, Johnstown PA
Ducks \$5.00

**Entertainment, Food, Games, Refreshments
Fun for the Whole Family**

For Tickets call: 539-7811 or 270-4111



Proceeds from this event to benefit
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Food for Families
Johnstown Family Kitchen



Preparations are underway for the 7th Annual Feed the Need Rubber Duck Race-Family Fun Day to be held **Sunday, August 4, 2019** at Sandyvale Memorial Park from noon to 6 p.m.

Tickets per duck are \$5.00 and available through the Johnstown Family Kitchen.

Check out their [Facebook](#) page for more information.



Assumption Chapel Pantry volunteers Michael Laratonda (left) of Altoona and Tony Nasralla of Cresson create a box for a family. Laratonda has been volunteering at the food pantry for 36 years. Mirror photo by Patt Keith. Read the recent article in the [Altoona Mirror](#) about Michael.



SVDP Food for Families in Johnstown received over 58,000 pounds of food through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). The food was distributed to pantries throughout Cambria county. On the right is Ebensburg food pantry volunteer, Millie Bodenshatz, helping with the delivery.



The Northern Cambria Thrift Store participated in a community yard sale on July 6.

What a tremendous turnout; the store almost tripled their daily sales!

Check out the store's [Facebook](#) page for information on their upcoming:

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALE
Saturday, August 6 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.**



Thanks to continued donations and fundraisers like the recent golf outing, the **SVDP Youth Ministry** is able to continue the summer meals program again this year. The program serves an average of 250 meals per week.

186TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The annual mass and dinner to celebrate the Society will be held on **Sunday, September 29, 2019** at St. Francis University. The evening will begin with Liturgy at 4:00 pm in the chapel on campus followed by a reception, silent auction, dinner, and Ozanam Humanitarian awards presentation at the JFK Center.

Recipients of the Ozanam award are chosen for their years of charitable works, not only with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, but in their communities. This year there are two recipients. The Society's Food for Families Johnstown Soup Kitchen is being recognized for their 25 years of service to the Johnstown community and Robert and Jerilinn Stewart in recognition of their contribution to the Lady of Victory Conference and the State College thrift store.

The celebration is open to everyone. Forms are available for dinner reservations, program ads, and silent auction donations.

[On line reservations.](#)



Last year's award recipients from left: Linda Legrand, accepting on behalf of the St. Bernard Conference; Sandy Inzana; and Marge Moschella, accepting on behalf of St. Mark's Kitchen.

HELP AREA STUDENTS GET THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES THEY NEED

The new school year is less than a month away and the **Youth Ministry's Backpack Program** is underway.

Last year over 100 backpacks, filled with new school supplies, were distributed in our area schools.

Things many of us take for granted such as school supplies can make a huge difference to children in need.



\$15 will get a child a new backpack and supplies. Area kids can start school with new much needed supplies.

[Donate on line](#) or make checks payable to SVDP Youth Ministry.

Southern Alleghenies Chapter of the American Culinary Federation Presents the **TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL**

Chefs Crab & Sea Feast



Friday, September 13, 2019

The Casino
at Lakemont Park

Benefits
St. Vincent dePaul
Food for Families Soup Kitchen

Hors D'Oeuvres at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00
Donation \$60.00
Cash Bar - Casual Dress - Dinner

FEATURING
Steamed Crab Legs - Peel & Eat Shrimp
Herb Roasted Chicken, and MUCH, MUCH more

in 2018 the St. Vincent dePaul Food for Families Soup Kitchen, in Altoona, served more than 70,000 meals at no-charge

For ticket information [click here](#) or call (814) 944-6302.



2019

- SUNDAY, AUGUST 4**
Feed the Need Rubber Duck Race
[Sandyvale Memorial Park](#), Hickory St.
 Johnstown
 Noon to 6:00 pm
- FRIDAY & SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 & 10**
St. Therese Flea Market
[Father Kelly Hall](#), 2412 5th St, Altoona
 8:00 am to 1:00 pm
- SATURDAY, AUGUST 10**
Ozanam Orientation
 St. John's Parish, Everett, PA
 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**
25th Annual Crab Fest
[The Casino at Lakemont Park](#)
 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**
SVDP Annual Liturgy Dinner
 St. Francis University
 4:00 pm



If you have an extra vehicle or unwanted car, truck, or boat just sitting there, depreciating in value—donate it!

It feels good when you reroute it towards a great cause like St. Vincent de Paul. And remember 100% of the money raised goes to help local families and individuals with rent, food, utilities, etc.

[Click here](#) for more information or to start the donation process.

SVDP AT WORK IN A VARIETY OF WAYS

Every day our conferences and special ministries help local individuals and families. We have soup kitchens, food pantries and a garden. Thrift stores help with in-kind donations and revenue from the stores help with financial aid.

Still fundraisers and donations are necessary to meet the growing need in the community. Here are a few stories of families and individuals that have benefitted from your generosity.

Helping Someone Help Themselves

By the time “Margaret”, a single mother of a young child, reached SVDP she had already spoken to several organizations for help with car repairs; the cost would be astronomical and a sense of defeat crept into her voice. Her response was a resigned, “If you can’t help, I understand.”

During the home visit we found out that her child’s father had died. Margaret was determined to get an education, we saw the pride in having a fulltime job and her dedication to providing a stable life for her child.

This young woman was struggling and still determined to become self-supporting but she needed some help. The SVDP Bedford diocesan council launched an appeal to other conferences and to Catholic Charities. The response was amazing. In a short time, pledges for over half the cost of the repairs were received.

Margaret had been so disillusioned but with the outpouring of assistance it gave her the strength to keep going. She took a second job to pay the balance of the repairs.

A Positive Outcome and a Hug

Several months ago a woman and young child came into the Northern Cambria thrift store. The woman was from out of state and due to a domestic abuse situation she had left with nothing but a few personal items.

She was determined to start over but needed a “good will” donation. The thrift store offered her whatever she needed and she took a few bags of clothes and other items for both of them.

The other day the same woman came into the store, gave the manager some money (and a hug) and said thank you. “I am doing much better now and appreciated your help.” she said.

Simple Things Can Make A Difference

Last fall a client at a local halfway house called for help getting his state ID. He was released from state prison and somewhere along the way lost his identification. The SVDP Altoona human needs office was able to help him and soon other men from the halfway house called for help getting an ID. The men are always appreciative and thankful.

Recently a counselor let the needs office know that many of the men were able to obtain employment now that they have identification.