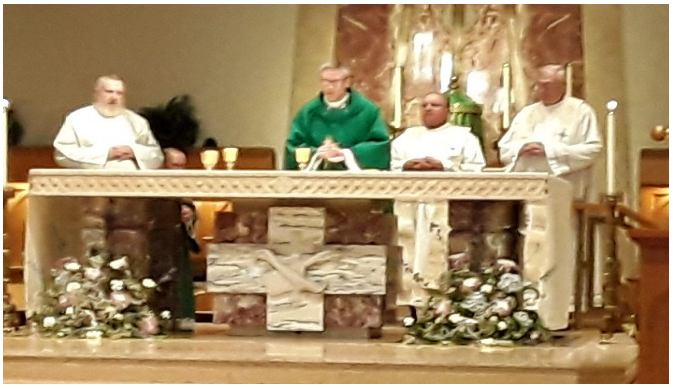
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ALTOONA/JOHNSTOWN

OCTOBER 2019

ANNUAL ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNIVERSARY DINNER AND AWARD PRESENTATION

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Altoona-Johnstown celebrated their 186th anniversary as a Society with an annual dinner, silent auction, and the presenting of the Ozanam Humanitarian Award. The event was held at St. Francis University in Loretto on Sunday, September 29.

The evening began with mass at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on campus; Bishop Mark Bartchak was the celebrant.



From left, Randy Pawlowski, Prince of Peace Conference President; Sue Hoover, Norther Cambria Store Manager; Ted Kaminski, Conference Member.

The reception followed at the JFK center with Tony DeGol as the evening's Master of Ceremony.

After dinner, the silent auction ended and the Ozanam Humanitarian awards were presented to this year's recipients the Johnstown Food for Families Soup Kitchen and Robert and JeriLinn Stewart.

ANNUAL DINNER CONT'D

The Johnstown Soup Kitchen is celebrating 25 years of service under the direction of Greg Karcher, since 2012. The kitchen is open from noon until 1:00 pm Monday through Friday and services up to 150 meals a day. The Kitchen also provides an emergency food pantry; backpacks for area children in the fall and a number of families benefit from the youth Christmas program.

Robert and JeriLinn Stewart were instrumental in helping the State College Thrift Store move to their new site in 2018. The Stewarts are very involved in the community, proudly contributing time and energy to many worthwhile organizations.

A very special thank you this year's award winners and to everyone that came out to celebrate the evening and to everyone that donated a basket and/or put an ad in the program booklet.

A nice variety of baskets for the silent auction helped raise almost $1,000 for the Society.

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- **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2**
  Forever Broadcasting Turkey Drives
  Imler's Poultry Outlet, Duncansville
  Ideal Market, Geistown
  10:00 AM- 1:00 PM
- **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13**
  Friends-day Wednesday Soup Sale
  Johnstown Family Kitchen, 231 Bedford St.
  3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11**
  Friends-day Wednesday Soup Sale
  Johnstown Family Kitchen, 231 Bedford St.
  3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**
  Knights of Columbus Chicken BBQ
  Knights of Columbus, 324 Bedford St, Hollidaysburg
  11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8**
  Friends-day Wednesday Soup Sale
  Johnstown Family Kitchen, 231 Bedford St.
  3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12**
  Friends-day Wednesday Soup Sale
  Johnstown Family Kitchen, 231 Bedford St.
  3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**
  Friends-day Wednesday Soup Sale
  Johnstown Family Kitchen, 231 Bedford St.
  3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Sunday, December 15 the Hollidaysburg Knights of Columbus Council 4245 will host a Chicken BBQ to benefit St. Vincent de Paul.

Tickets $8

Meal includes BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Applesauce, and Roll

Eat in or take out.

For Ticket info call 944-1981 x 108.

THE PETER LEMKE COUNCIL MEETING MEETS THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

The Council was pleased with the turnout at the October 9th meeting. They rotate alphabetically by town name as to who will host the meeting each month. During the meeting they pray, study the daily Biblical reading, and discuss events going on with SVDP. Discussions include some of the challenges each conference face and they share resources that are available to help those in need. Sue Hoover, Northern Cambria thrift store manager, said, "At each meeting, I learn something new and feel like I gain a gold nugget of info that will benefit my community." She went on to say, "the enthusiasm of the Northern Cambria volunteers really is amazing!"

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Turkey Drive

The **Assumption Chapel** in Altoona and **Johnstown Food For Families** are holding Turkey Drives with the help of Forever Media.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2
10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM.

Turkeys can be dropped off at the following locations:

Assumption Chapel - Imler's Poultry Outlet, 1887 Rt 64, Duncansville

FFF Johnstown - Ideal Market Geistown, 2449 Bedford St, Johnstown

The drives will allow both ministries to help needy families in Johnstown and Altoona have a Happy Thanksgiving.

STATE COLLEGE STORE CELEBRATES VOLUNTEERS AND HALLOWEEN

October is Volunteer month so the State College Thrift Store is said thank you to their volunteers by serving homemade cookies to over 140 volunteers the week of October 20 - 26. The volunteers will be honored again in April during the conference's annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

"Our volunteers are extremely important to our mission—they make it possible for the Society to help 150 adults and children in Centre County every month." Said Janet Haner, Thrift Store manager.

The Store is holding a **BOO!-tiful Sale Monday, October 28 through Saturday, November 2.**

All week, customers can save up to 30% on their purchases when they draw a BOO! card from the Great Pumpkin Jar at the checkout.

On Halloween, Thursday, October 31, **customers in costume** receive 50% off everything in the store.

INSTALLATION OF CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS

The Presidents/Directors fall meeting was held on Saturday, October 19 at the St. Francis Xavier Church in Cresson. The meeting included an update on the almost completed renovations of the Johnstown Food for Families Warehouse, a discussion on this year's Christmas for Kids program, upcoming events and current issues, and the installation of new presidents.

Alice Emanuel, Diocesan Council Spiritual Advisor led the commissioning service to install new presidents.

Left to right Alice Emanuel; Shirley Kozlovac, out going president, St. Mary Nanty Glo Conference; Mary Beth Schmidhamer, out going president, Altoona District Council; Sandy Lear new Altoona District Council President and June Isaacson, new St. Mary Nanty Glo Conference President.

Dan Weaver, St Rose Conference President, presents Lisa Hann, Family Services Director, with items for the homeless collected by St. Rose parishioners.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA DEVELOPES A HOMELESS SUPPORT PROGRAM

The St. Rose of Lima Conference was looking for ways to expand their needs program. The conference contacted Family Services in Altoona and talked to the director, Lisa Hann, about helping with their homeless program. Family Services gave them a "needs" list and from there the St. Rose Homeless Support Program was developed.

The list of items in need included toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, shower gel, deodorant, toilet paper, and laundry detergent. The members of the St. Rose parish were overwhelmingly generous, donating over $550 worth of items for the homeless program.

Dan Weaver, St. Rose Conference president, said, "The members of the St. Rose of Lima SVDP Conference would like say thank you to all the parish members who donated to this noble cause. When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor. God Bless You All!"

The Conference is currently collecting adult sized hooded sweatshirts for Family Services. The collection drive will run through November. Sweatshirts can be dropped off at St. Rose of Lima Church.

SUCCESSFUL "THREDS"

Successful Threds is a new program that the Altoona Thrift Store will begin in November to provide professional clothing to men and women re-entering the job market. The store will provide professional clothing for a new job or job interview.

This program is different from the regular clothing vouchers because it is geared toward individuals in need of work attire.

"Clothes don't make a man [or woman] but clothes have got many a man [and woman] a good job." – Herbert Harold Vreeland

14,775 POUNDS OF PRODUCE DISTRIBUTED THIS MONTH AT THE ST. BERNARD'S HASTINGS PANTRY

The Produce to People (P2P) program through the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank was created to provide more fresh produce to individuals and families. Earlier this year, St. Bernard's pantry became one of the distribution locations for P2P.

The Hastings pantry, alone, has distributed 108,000 pounds of produce so far this year. This is in addition to their regular food distribution.

Thanks to the 41 volunteers a new record was set with 446 families receiving produce in October.

Father Thad talks with the volunteers as they gear up for the day's distribution.

Fresh produce from Produce to People being unloaded for distribution at the Hastings pantry.