



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ALTOONA/JOHNSTOWN

FEBRUARY 2020

BEDFORD CONFERENCE TREATED TO PRESENTATION ON CHILIAN CULTURE



Members of the **St. Thomas Conference** in Bedford celebrated the beginning of their international twinning experience. The conference is paired with Conferencia San Roberto in Santiago, Chile. Helen Koontz of the Bedford Rotary arranged for a presentation on the culture and customs of Chile by Rotary exchange student, Jose Perillo (pictured center) who is attending high school in Selinsgrove this year. The event was hosted by St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Everett. Those attending included Fr. Derek Fairman, St. John's Pastor; Sonny Consiglio, SVDP Diocesan Director; St. Thomas Conference members; Rotary Exchange Students; and other guests.



The annual Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community is set for **Saturday, June 6** at the PNC Park in Altoona.

[Registration](#) for the 2020 events begins on Friday, January 31 at noon!



[Click here](#) for daily reflections and a quote of the day.

ANGELS AT MY DOOR

St. Bernard's Conference in Hastings reached out to other conferences and councils in the SVDP Diocesan Council and with the help of St. Bernard, Lilly, Patton, Bedford, Ebensburg, Cresson, St. Rose of Lima, and Gallitzin conferences and the Peter Lemke and Altoona councils they were able to help a woman save her home from foreclosure. The woman, we will call Wendy, was very grateful and wrote a heartfelt thank you to everyone that helped her. Here is an excerpt from her letter.

I wanted to write a letter to say thank you to Linda, and to the kind man that accompanied Linda at my home (I apologize, I am not good with names, but he too was an Angel) and to everyone else who took part in helping my family and me. I was never in my life shown what true compassion was, until these two beautiful souls showed up at my door.

Words cannot describe how grateful I am. I was at one of the lowest points in my life; I struggle with a disability as I care for my daughter and son. I am still in disbelief at how much people out there actually can care about people they don't even know. It brings me to tears, because again, I didn't know there were good people left in this world. I wish that I could actually find the proper words or actually physically show how sincerely grateful I truly am!

I feel like this isn't enough, but it's all I have for now and I wish I could somehow show more, other than just my words, but please know I mean them all from my heart!

Sincerely, Wendy and Family

Famvin Quote of the day February 23rd

"We must always do things with the greatest possible simplicity." – St. Vincent de Paul – Grant me, Lord, the ability to speak and act candidly, acknowledging the contributions of others whenever possible.

VOICE OF THE POOR

VOICE OF THE POOR MINISTRY

In addition to quietly and discreetly serving families and individuals in need in our Archdiocese, Vincentians also are concerned over the broader issues that affect them. The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society support the Voice of the Poor ministry with the purpose to educate its members on legislative issues that impact the lives of the poor.

Vincentians are urged to identify these negative impacts and share their concerns with those who legislate and administer programs to lessen the suffering of the poor. Some Vincentians also become mentors to people who are having difficulty managing their lives.

We encourage all Vincentians to sign up for action alerts at votervoicenet.net/SVDPUSA/Register

Please help us help others change their lives by being a part of our Voice of the Poor Ministry.

[Click here](#) for more information on Voice of the Poor.

JOHNSTOWN FOOD FOR FAMILIES ON AMAZON SMILE



[AmazonSmile](#) is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com.

The difference is that when you shop AmazonSmile, the Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. Search for **Food for Families, Inc.** to donate to the Johnstown program.

DARE TO CARE FOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS FOR THE ASSUMPTION CHAPEL FOOD PANTRY

Forever Broadcasting's Food drive donations total \$610.00 in monetary donations and \$2,500.00 in food products.



Pantry Volunteers front row from left: Pete Lewis, Dano McGrath, Mary Petrak, Linda McGrath, Don Belsey, Ray Fochler, and Bob McManus. In the pantry truck: 'Moose' Musante, and Jerry Milliron. Missing from photo are Fred Pasquini and Joy Fiochetta.



On the left Forever sales staff with Weis bags that could be purchased for \$8.00 per bag for the food drive.

A challenge was made that JoJo of Froggy 98.1 would eat a super red hot chili pepper chip, that came in a cardboard coffin, on the air if 2,400 boxes of mac and cheese were sold. JoJo held up his end of the challenge as the event was streamed live on air Monday morning, February 3rd.



Pictured above is the Weis manger, Derrick Shumaker, Mark of Holiday Pools who purchased the remaining boxes of mac and cheese and JoJo and Lilly from 98.1.

12TH ANNUAL ST. VINCENT DE PAUL YOUTH MINISTRY GOLF OUTING SET FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 5

The [SVDP Youth Ministry](#) program has been able to help hundreds of children in our area because of individuals and businesses in the community that have participated and/or became a sponsor for this annual event.

A few of the programs that the youth ministry sponsors include summer reading and lunch programs, an after school program as well as financial assistance to families with children; this would not be possible without the golf outing

Why not join us for a fun day of golf while helping SVDP help others. Registration begins as 9:00 a.m. at the Park Hills Country Club in Altoona. A shotgun start tee time is 9:30 am. Entrance fee is \$75 per golfer (\$300 per foursome). This includes green fees, cart, skills contests (Mulligan package \$20 per team), course refreshments, and luncheon. For more information and to register contact Sonny Consiglio at 814-659-8773 avcdepaul@atlanticbbn.net.



CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

GOLD TOURNAMENT SPONSOR

Banner Display
Cart and Sponsor Board Display and One Tee Sign
Two Foursomes
Recognition at Luncheon
\$2,500.00

SILVER MAJOR SPONSOR

Cart and Sponsor Board Display and One Tee Sign
Two Foursomes
\$1,000.00

BRONZE CORPORATE TEAM SPONSOR

Sponsor Board Display and One Tee Sign
One Foursome
\$500.00

TEE SPONSOR

One Tee Sign
\$100.00

[Click here](#) to register on line.

THE VINCENTIAN HERITAGE PILGRIMAGE TO PARIS



IN CELEBRATION OF THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY of the Society of the St. Vincent de Paul in the United States

September 22-29, 2020

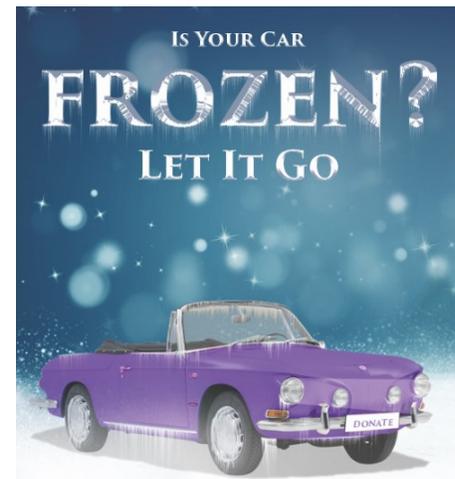
Registration Deadline: January 31, 2020

AVAILABLE SPACES LEFT!

If interested in participating in the Pilgrimage, contact Sr. Kieran Kneaves, email (kkneaves@svdpusa.org)

For more information, [click here](#).

For more information about the travel agency, [click here](#).



The donation process is easy, and we provide free pick-up whether it's running or not.

Just make sure your vehicle has a clear title; is in one piece and towable (does not need to be running); and is tow truck accessible.

[Click here](#) or call (800) 322-8284 to find out how you can donate.



2020

- **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**
Friends-day Wednesday Soup Sale
Johnstown Family Kitchen, 231 Bedford St.
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- **SATURDAY, APRIL 4**
Spring Presidents/Directors Meeting
[St. Francis Xavier Church](#)
211 Powell Ave, Cresson
9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- **FRIDAY, JUNE 5**
Youth Ministry Golf Outing
[Park Hills Country Club](#), Altoona
9:00 am Registration
- **SATURDAY, JUNE 6**
Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community
PNC Park, Altoona, PA
8:00 AM - Noon
- **SUNDAY, JUNE 21**
Feed the Need Food Truck Rodeo
PNC Park, Johnstown, PA
Noon - 5:00 PM

KEEP UP-TO-DATE ON SVDP/FFF EVENTS

Our website has a new feature... a monthly calendar. The calendar makes it easier to see what's happening; fundraisers, events, etc. Go to our website svdpcares.org and click on calendar under upcoming events.



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Memory/ Honor of Donation



Feed the Need Food Truck Rodeo
Sunday, June 21, 2020
Noon to 5 P.M.

Peoples Natural Gas Park, Johns Street, Johnstown PA

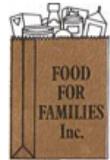
Admission \$25.00

Featuring: **Josh Gallagher**
Lux & Company



For Tickets information
call: 539-7811

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



SVDP THRIFT STORE HOURS AND LOCATIONS

ALTOONA

1215 7th Ave
Mon-Fri 9 am to 5 pm
Sat 9 am to 4 pm
943-1981

EBENSBURG

Ebensburg Mini Mall
Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat
10 am to Noon
Th 9 am to Noon
472-4362

NANTY-GLO

1005 Caroline St
M & F 5 pm to 7pm
Tue, Wed, Th
10 am to 2 pm
Sat 10 am to Noon
749-6043

CARROLLTOWN

204 N Main St
Mon-Th 9 am to 2 pm
Fri 9 am to 5 pm
344-9309

JOHNSTOWN

301 Central Ave
Mon-Fri 10 am to 6 pm
Sat 10 am to 3 pm
535-4357

STATE COLLEGE

1300 Benner Pike, Suite B
Mon-Fri 10 am to 4 pm
Sat 10 am to 1 pm
2nd Sat of the month
10 am to 4 pm
867-3131

CRESSON

115 Ashcroft Ave
Tue-Fri 10 am to 3 pm
Sat 10 am to 1 pm
886-9566

N. CAMBRIA

1907 Bigler Ave
Mon-Fri 9am to Noon
948-8828