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# SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ALTOONA/JOHNSTOWN

## JULY 2020

### REMEMBERING AN AMAZING VOLUNTEER

Patricia (Pat) Trimble was born in Orlean, New York and for most of her adult life called the Altoona area home before moving to Erie, Pennsylvania where she died on April 21, 2020.

Pat held a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and a Master of Education degree. Pat was a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a nursing instructor at the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing and an active member at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Altoona. Along with these accomplishments, Pat co-founded the Gardens at the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home with Tom Ford, Blair County Penn State Co-op Extension Director.

The Gardens at the Veterans Home operated for 32 years until the Home needed the ground for an expansion project. St. Bernadine's Monastery in Hollidaysburg offered ground for a new garden and, in 2008; the St. Bernadine's Monastery Gardens was founded under the direction of Pat and Tom.

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Pat posing beside a tractor purchased with grant money from one of the many grants that she wrote for the Gardens.



SVDP Community Gardens dedicated a crop tunnel to Pat Trimble on Saturday, June 27. A statue in her honor was placed in the tunnel.

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Memory/ Honor of Donation



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Famvin Quote of the day July 27

*"How easy it is to rashly judge the actions of others! Lord, if I err regarding others, let it be on the side of charity."*

– St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



The [LivRed Foundation](#) is hosting its 2nd annual "[Hope From Hunger](#)" local food drive through August 7.

All donations directly benefit the **Johnstown Family Kitchen** that serves over a 100,000 meals a year to local people in need.

Non-perishable donation locations in Johnstown:

- Westmont Dollar General, 1708 Lyter Dr
- Park Hill Dollar General, 1904 William Penn Ave
- Randy's Bilo, 81 Osborne St
- Randy's Bilo, 1514 Jefferson Ave
- Jake's Pub and Grill, 500 Galleria Dr

## We'll Take That, Too!

We accept all types of vehicle donations: cars, motorcycles, RVs, boats and more.

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

All proceeds stay local and you can designate



[Click here](#) to start the process or call 800.322.8284



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



**Assumption Chapel Food Pantry** in Altoona receives a check from **CBU Financial Corporation**. CBU posed a fifty percent matching gift challenge to its members resulting in a \$8,550.00 donation.

Pictured from right to left: CBU Financial representatives Robin Kessler, Nancy Denicola, John Richardson, and Betty Richardson, GBU secretary presenting the check to Don Belsey, Pantry Director; and Fred Pasquini, Pantry Co-director.

## CENTRAL PA FOOD BANK RECOGNIZES DON BELSEY

The **Assumption Chapel Food Pantry** began distributing Crisis Response Boxes provided by the [Central PA Food Bank](#). Don Belsey, Pantry Director recalls a moment when a mother of eight looked at all the food that was being placed in her van. She put her head down and cried. "Thank you", she said.

Don, a retired USMC colonel, has been the director of the Pantry for many years. As the food bank's [Facebook post](#) so eloquently stated, "to the Colonel this is more than a job. Its is a calling..."



Crisis Response Boxes being distributed by the Assumption Chapel Food Pantry in Partnership with the Central PA Food Bank.

## 12TH ANNUAL ST. VINCENT DE PAUL YOUTH MINISTRY GOLF OUTING RESCHEDULED FOR SEPT 4, 2020

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](mailto:avcdepaul@atlanticbbn.net).



### TOURNAMENT SPONSOR



### GARDENS *Continued from page 1*

Pat used her knowledge as a Certified Penn State Master Gardener to mentor many of the gardeners who rented plots of ground to grow their own vegetables.

In 2015, Pat started a new initiative with the ground. She decided not only to rent plots to individuals but also to raise fresh, healthy vegetables for the St. Vincent de Paul soup kitchen, St. Vincent de Paul food pantry and other pantries in the area. She wrote many grants for this initiative that made it possible to purchase the first high tunnel, a tractor and equipment, and all the tools necessary for planting, weeding and picking.

The Gardens became a special project of SVDP and was renamed [St. Vincent de Paul Monastery Community Gardens](#). This initiative "grows" every year; what a wonderful gift Pat has given to St. Vincent de Paul and to our community.

## GOLF OUTING CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS

### 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.

## ANNUAL DINNER CANCELLED

Earlier this month Sonny Consiglio announced that the annual dinner has been cancelled for 2020. He said, "I am sorry to say that we will not be having our annual dinner due to COVID 19."



The Diocesan Council agreed that it would not be appropriate at this time to plan such a gathering.

The annual dinner and mass celebrates the anniversary of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. This year is the 187th anniversary.

As for the liturgy, a decision will be made in the next few weeks on whether to gather on September 27, St. Vincent de Paul's feast day.

Please pray for the safety of all.



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- **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**  
**Youth Ministry Golf Outing**  
[Park Hills Country Club](#), Altoona  
9:00 AM Registration
- **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14**  
**Friends-day Wednesday Soup Sale**  
Johnstown Family Kitchen, 231 Bedford St.  
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**  
**Friends-day Wednesday Soup Sale**  
Johnstown Family Kitchen, 231 Bedford St.  
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
**Friends-day Wednesday Soup Sale**  
Johnstown Family Kitchen, 231 Bedford St.  
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

### YOUR DONATIONS STAY LOCAL

Your donation can make a big difference to individuals and families in need. The pantries and kitchens provide food and proceeds from the thrift stores help with rent, utilities and other necessities. Proceeds from a donated vehicle stay local and you can designate where you want the funds to be used.



Back to School Backpack Program

Monetary donations and fundraisers are essential in keeping our mission of “helping us help others” alive. Many fundraisers have been cancelled due to the COVID 19 pandemic but the needs have not changed, in fact, in many ways they have increased.

We are grateful to those of you that have donated, especially during this unprecedented time. If you would like to donate on line go to [svdpcares.org/donate](http://svdpcares.org/donate). Make checks payable to SVDP, PO Box 231, Altoona, PA 16603. If you have a preference on which ministry you are supporting be sure to note it in the memo.

### JOHNSTOWN KITCHEN BBQ

On Friday, July 15 the weather was perfect for a BBQ as the [EPIC](#) youth group from Our Mother of Sorrows church in Johnstown cooked hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill for patrons of the **Johnstown Family Kitchen**.

Pictured below are EPIC youth members donning masks as they prepare for the BBQ lunch at the Johnstown Kitchen.

