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**ALICE EMMANUEL RETIRING AS SPIRITUAL ADVISOR**

Alice Emanuel has been the Diocesan Spiritual Advisor for 19 years and is retiring in August. She is a mother of three wonderful children that she adopted and says they have enhanced her life considerably.

What you may not know is that Colonel Alice Emanuel, USAF Retired, served 28 years of active duty in the United States Air Force. During her tour of duty, Alice held human resource and management positions at various bases, did two tours at the Pentagon in major air command, and taught management courses at Air Force professional schools. She was the ROTC professor at St. Joseph's University and the Commander of cadets coming from 15 universities in the Philadelphia area. She directed many food service programs in the Air Force and at Christ House in Washington, D.C. where she taught management courses at George Washington University. Deeply spiritual, she attended daily mass at various bases and the Pentagon.



In front is Alice swearing in new conference presidents at the 2018 Fall Director's Meeting.

When Alice returned to Ebensburg, in 1995, she became a St. Vincent de Paul volunteer in the Holy Name Conference where she organized and directed the Conference and the Ebensburg food pantry.

She served as president of the Holy Name Conference and the Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Council. Alice represented the Diocese in St. Louis and at regional meetings for five years before becoming the Diocesan Spiritual Advisor.

She accompanied St Vincent de Paul pilgrimages to Paris and Rome. The Paris pilgrimage included visitation to the site where the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Catherine LaBouré and gave her specifications for the miraculous medal; the incorrupt bodies

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**Famvin Quote of the day August 26**

*"The poor need so much more than food and clothing. Dignity and self esteem are much harder to nurture but are nonetheless essential in breaking the circle of poverty. Today, Lord, I will make use of the opportunities of relieving whatever forms of poverty I may encounter."* - St. Vincent de Paul



On Saturday, August 22 volunteers at the **Monastery Community Gardens** picked over 600 pounds of vegetables pictured above. All the food was donated to those in need.



Greg Karcher, manager of the **Johnstown Family Kitchen** put out a plea on Facebook for some new picnic tables for the kitchen. With the nice weather the tables will help with the social distancing.

Gary May and Ethan Foster to the rescue. A sincere thank you for always coming to the aid of the kitchen!



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

## “THE DAY A SKUNK CAME TO THE THRIFT STORE”

by *Sally Hinton, Johnstown Thrift Store Manager*

In this day and age of 16 security cameras, there are times when you catch more than shoplifters, you catch a memorable event, like the day a skunk came to the Thrift Store. “Pepe Le Pew” saw the big open garage door and figured it was an invitation to come in and check things out. Our resident strong man, Lynn, saw the skunk, tossed the box he was carrying and ran upstairs to safety. Eric, a volunteer, sees the skunk scurry under the work bench and he cautiously tries to retreat. Then the mayhem starts, the skunk darts out after Eric.

Eric over reacts and trips over his own feet while trying to get out of the garage. He opens the door to the store, but he doesn’t realize the skunk is right on his heels. He is trying to maintain his cool until someone alerts him to the fact that the skunk is right behind him. Then it’s every man for himself! He darts out the side door, the

skunk follows, he runs back in the garage, the skunk follows, then back into the store, the skunk follows. Now, at this point, Eric could have been the hero of the story and led his new buddy out into the parking lot, but once Eric got a step ahead of Pepe he slammed the door shut.



Finally, Eric was safely outside trying to catch his breath...but oh no! The skunk was inside the store with all the customers! Theresa made the announcement

to evacuate. You could see the people scattering like Godzilla was coming! One lady was looking at glassware and the skunk came right up beside her and was overseeing her selection. One volunteer was walking very nonchalantly next to it because he thought it was just a cat. Once the customers were safely outside, Theresa and Lori were peering in from the glass enclosure. They thought they really should call for help, but their phones were inside on the counter.

Lori went in because she could run faster and lucky for her, she could jump high too because the skunk came scurrying after her and she had to jump over the counter to get away! Finally, comes the frantic phone call no manager expects to receive. It took me a minute to wrap my head around it all. Hmm...“So basically, everyone is outside and the skunk is still inside the building, well...let’s try and reverse that! Open the doors so it can leave.” Sure enough the skunk eventually exited and ran under our shed.

Upon entering the store, they soon discovered that the skunk was not actually a thrift store “shopper” but rather a “donor” of some exotic “pewfume”. It’s all good, nothing that some skunk spray and a good airing out couldn’t handle. Don Tedjeske set a trap and baited it with a can of sardines and sure enough he caught it. Pepe has been relocated it to a lovely summer home in the wood, but he surely will not forget his adventures at the Johnstown Thrift Store and thanks to the hysterical video footage, neither will we.

## SVDP THRIFT STORES

The SVDP thrift stores play a vital role in the Society. The proceeds from your donations stay local to help families and individuals in the community with rent, utilities and other financial needs. In-kind services such as clothing vouchers are possible because of your donations. Whether you drop off items for donation or shop at one of our stores, you are helping the Society help others.

Like other retail stores, our thrift stores run sales and specials throughout the month.

Here are what some of our stores are offering:

### ALTOONA, 1215 7TH AVE 943-1981

Mon-Fri 9 am -5pm | Sat 9 am - 1pm

#### SALES & SPECIALS

Weekly Tag Sales- color tag of the week 50% off

Tuesday Senior discount day (age 55+) 30% off

Thursday Furniture 25% off

Last Friday of the month "Friends and Family Fridays"  
50% off entire store (except mattresses)

### EBENSBURG, EBENBURG MINI MALL 472-4362

Tue-Sat 9 am - noon

#### SALES & SPECIALS

Specials vary every week.

### STATE COLLEGE, 1300 BENNER PIKE, SUITE B 867-3131

Mon-Sat 10 am - 1 pm

(Sat hours will change to 1 pm to 4 pm starting September 12.)

#### SALES & SPECIALS

Specials vary every week. Current specials are menswear sale and handmade little girls sundresses and skirts.



### NORTHERN CAMBRIA, 1907 BIGLER AVE 948-8828

Mon and Fri 10 am -1 pm | Tue and Thu 9 am - noon

First Saturday of the month 10 am - 1 pm

#### SALES & SPECIALS

Specials vary every week.

### JOHNSTOWN, 301 CENTRAL AVE 535-4357

Mon-Fri 10 am - 6 pm | Sat 10 am - 3 pm

Senior shopping on Thursday from 9 am to 10 am for those at high risk or folks over 65 yrs. old.

#### SALES & SPECIALS

Weekly Clothing Tag Sales - color tag of the week 50% off Mon-Thur  
Fri tag of the week is \$1 and Sat 50¢

Hard lines (items other than clothing) monthly color sticker on special for 50% off. Once a month that color goes on final clearance for 90% off.

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of St. Catherine and St. Vincent de Paul as well as the burial sites of Blessed Rosalie and Blessed Frederick. In Rome, they attended Blessed Rosalie's beatification.

Throughout the years, Alice has presented the Society's history and spirituality to hundreds of volunteers. She is a firm believer in Divine Providence and says the power of the Holy Spirit keeps her rooted in the Catholic faith. Though retiring as the Diocesan Spiritual Advisor she will continue working at the Holy Name Conference.

Alice's devotion to her faith and her dedication to the Society has been a blessing for all of us. She will be missed as the Spiritual Advisor but we are pleased that she will continue to volunteer at the Holy Name Conference.

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### CARROLLTOWN, 204 N MAIN ST 615-8025

Mon 9 am-1 pm | Tue-Fri 9 am -1:30 pm

### CRESSON, 115 ASHCROFT AVE 886-9566

Tue-Fri 10 am-3 pm | Sat 10 am-1 pm

### NANTY GLO, 1005 CAROLINE ST 749-6043



Some of the fall treasures available at the SVDP thrift store in N. Cambria.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2020

- **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



The kiddos at the [Kids First Early Learning Center](#) collected food and helped at a bake sale to raise money for SVDP. The food boxes (pictured above) went to the **Assumption Chapel Food Pantry**. The bake sale raised \$160 for the pantry too.



Earlier this month the SVDP **Assumption Chapel Food Pantry** was pleasantly surprised when a young man, Lucian Glass, and his great-grandmother presented a check to Don Belsey, Pantry Director. Lucian raised \$50 at his lemonade stand and wanted the proceeds to go to the pantry. When Don asked him why he raised the money Lucian said, "I wanted to do something for people who need it." "Not bad for a seven year old." said Don.

## JOHNSTOWN KITCHEN RECEIVES GRANT



The **Johnstown Family Kitchen** would like to express their sincere appreciation to the [Community Foundation for the Alleghenies](#) for the \$2,000 grant they received to purchase some new, much needed kitchen equipment.

Lawrence, the cook (pictured above) is very pleased with the new items received to enhance the productivity of the hot lunch-time meal program.

