



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
ALTOONA/JOHNSTOWN

OCTOBER 2020

PROFILES IN VINCENTION SERVICE: NANCY MCMULLEN

St. Bernard's Pantry is operating today because of the dedication of the many volunteers including Nancy McMullen. Nancy is the pantry director and when she accepted the voluntary position she was told it would be a few hours a week. Little did Nancy, Fr Thadd and the others know that in the weeks to follow monumental changes were about to take place and without their vision and faith, the project never would have been a success. Nancy McMullen is an integral part of this program and the pantry is very lucky to have her.

Father Thadd has written a timeline of the events that lead to the completion of the building and the projects they continue to take on due to the changes we are all facing these days. The pantry has met these challenges because their focus is on what matters, helping those in need. [Click here](#) to read Father Thadd's story.



Groundbreaking February 2018



Under construction June 2018



On the left Nancy McMullen ceremonially hands over the keys to St. Bernard's Pantry to Sonny Consigilo, SVDP Ex Dir in October 2018.



Ribbon Cutting November 2018



Volunteers at the **Hastings food pantry** prepare for the distribution of 1,200 boxes of food from Lancaster Foods. The distribution is made possible by a grant obtained through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

St. Bernard's Pantry is located at 139 Huber Street in Hastings.

Their hours of operation are the first and third Wednesday 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

For information call the pantry at (814) 247-8569.

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Memory/ Honor of Donation



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

Famvin Quote of the day October 28
"As I go about my work, Lord, help me to remember how important it is to do it ethically and with the right motives. The end never does justify the means."

-St. Vincent de Paul

CARVE OUT SPACE IN YOUR GARAGE.



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

DONATE YOUR VEHICLE!

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 which ministry will get the funds.



Consider giving a gift certificate from your favorite SVDP Thrift Store for the holidays this year.

Give a gift that will be appreciated while helping the community. All proceeds from the stores stay local.



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

STATE COLLEGE THRIFT STORE HONORS VOLUNTEERS

By Janet Haner

The **State College St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store** was pleased to honor its volunteers with a very special Volunteer Appreciation Week October 11-18 (our week had to be eight days because we have two different groups who volunteer on Sundays). It has long been the tradition of the Our Lady of Victory SVDP Conference to have a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in April, but due to the current pandemic, that was not possible this year.

When we realized it would not be possible to hold the dinner anytime soon, we came up with a safe idea, one that kept our volunteers socially distanced. During our Volunteer Appreciation Week, volunteers were provided with box lunches that they could take home or eat sitting socially distanced in our meeting room.

In addition to box lunches from Panera, volunteers received a gift bag with a gift card for the store, an apron with the SVDP logo, and an SVDP Thrift Store patch.



The patches have an interesting back story: A few months back, the store received a donation from a local investment firm with dozens of Eddie Bauer fleece vests—the firm had changed its name, so could no longer use the vests. As a rule, we don't sell items with corporate advertising or names, so we came up with the idea to give the vests to volunteers, then provide a patch to cover the company name. Everyone loves the vests, and they are especially appropriate for our volunteers who take donations and often go outside in all kinds of weather to help donors with their items.

At the dinner, we always provide a summary of how the Society helped people in need during the year; it is important to our volunteers to see how their work has made this aid possible. So at the end of our Volunteer Appreciation Week, we emailed this year's summary to the volunteers. Many of our volunteers are especially dedicated to the State College store because it is entirely managed and operated by volunteers. God bless these wonderful folks who generously share their time and talent!



Some of the State College volunteers during Volunteer Appreciation Week.



Alternative Community Resource Program Director Jim Buday looks over some of the 40 blankets presented by **Divine Mercy Catholic Academy**, represented by students (from left) Charlie Neumann, Sophia Horwath, Aaden Newcomer and Vindy Kohan, on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020.

Photo by Todd Berkey, Tribune Democrat

[Click here](#) to see the article by Kelly Urban in the October 22, 2020 Tribune Democrat.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 4245
HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA

WINTER



BBQ

TICKETS
\$10

TIS THE SEASON TO EAT CHICKEN!

JOIN US FOR OUR WINTER BBQ!

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13

11 AM TO 1 PM

TICKETS ONLY \$10

TAKE OUT ONLY

MEAL INCLUDES: OUR FAMOUS BBQ CHICKEN, BAKED BEANS, APPLESAUCE AND ROLL.

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BENEFITS: 



UPCOMING

EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2020

- **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**
Friends-day Wednesday Soup Sale
Johnstown Family Kitchen, 231 Bedford St.
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21**
A "Souper" Fundraiser
Altoona Soup Kitchen, 2201 Union Ave
9:00 AM - Noon
- **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9**
Friends-day Wednesday Soup Sale
Johnstown Family Kitchen, 231 Bedford St.
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13**
Knights of Columbus Chicken BBQ
Knights of Columbus, 324 Bedford St,
Hollidaysburg
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

2021

- **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13**
Friends-day Wednesday Soup Sale
Johnstown Family Kitchen, 231 Bedford St.
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**
Friends-day Wednesday Soup Sale
Johnstown Family Kitchen, 231 Bedford St.
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10**
Friends-day Wednesday Soup Sale
Johnstown Family Kitchen, 231 Bedford St.
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- **SUNDAY, JUNE 20**
Annual Feed the Need Food Truck Rodeo
PNC Park, Johnstown
Noon - 5:00 PM

SUPPORT THE

SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY'S SOUP KITCHEN

A "SOUPER" FUNDRAISER

THIS \$7.00 TICKET BUYS 1 QUART OF WEDDING SOUP
AND A LOAF OF ITALIAN BREAD

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2020
9:00AM - NOON

PLEASE WEAR A MASK WHEN YOU COME TO PICK UP YOUR SOUP
NO BAKE SALE THIS YEAR
2201 UNION AVENUE 944-6302

SOUP PREPARED BY DELGROSSO FOODS