



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ALTOONA/JOHNSTOWN

JANUARY 2021

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

On December 19, 2020 the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at **Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church** distributed 157 food baskets to those in need in Huntingdon County. This was accomplished with the help of many parishioners and led by the members of the conference.

A turkey dinner with all the fixings, fresh fruits and vegetables, butter, milk and many other nutritious foods were included in the basket. All of these items were donated, some from parishioners, some from those in the community plus cash contributions for items not donated.

The children of the parish assisted in gathering canned goods and also helped move the food, along with Vincentians, on the day of distribution.



The **National Society of St. Vincent de Paul** has published a very informative booklet entitled “A Medallion in the Mosaic of Vincentian Works” commemorating the 175th anniversary of the founding of the first conference in the United States.

Copies of this publication can be purchased at ssvdpusa.org/materials



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Memory/ Honor of Donation



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

Famvin Quote of the day January 28

– When I feel discouraged because I seem to be guilty of the same old faults, help me to remember that my life is a journey and you love me in spite of my flaws.

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Neither rain nor snow or even a “balmy” 18 degrees as it was when the SVDP **Assumption Chapel** set up for the day pictured above. The Chapel is open for distribution on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 am to 10:30 am. Anyone in the Altoona area needing food assistance can call the pantry at 943-7962.

OTHER SVDP PANTRY LOCATIONS:

Ebensburg
 HOLY NAME PANTRY 472-4362
 Thursday 9:00 am to Noon

Patton
 QUEEN OF PEACE 674-3346
 1st & 2nd Wednesday 9:00 to 11:00 am
 Thursday 9:00 to 11:00 am

Johnstown
 ST. ANDREWS 539-4627
 2nd onday 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Hastings
 ST. BERNARD’S 247-8569
 1st and 3rd Wednesday 9:00 am to 11:00 am



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

WEDNESDAY SOUP SALE

The **Johnstown Family Kitchen** began its Friends-day **Wednesday Soup Sale** in October. The soup is available on the second Wednesday of the month from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Johnstown Family Kitchen, 231 Bedford Street.

The fundraiser is based on the Empty Bowl Fundraising Project. Individuals can purchase a quart of soup and bread for \$7 or a bowl of soup and bread for \$5.



The event runs through March 2021 so there is still time to enjoy some delicious homemade soups.

Local businesses, community groups, and churches will sponsor two soups each month.

Individual wishing to support the project or to order soup can contact Greg (814) 539-7811 / 270-4111 or Georgia (814) 242-2083.

Follow this event on Johnstown Family Kitchen’s [Facebook page](#).

STATE COLLEGE THRIFT STORE EXPANDING

The SVDP thrift store in State College is pleased to announce an expansion of the store that is expected to be completed in a couple of months.

The store is not moving from its current location at 1300 Benner Pike but the expansion will increase the retail space by 25 percent.

[Click here](#) to read more about the project.



The State College store was closed due to COVID-19 and reopened on Saturday, January 23.

The stores hours are Monday through Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Donation are accepted Monday through Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The store is not accepting toys or Christmas items at this time.



Catholic Social Ministry Gathering 2021

“MAKE JUSTICE YOUR AIM”: REBUILDING TOGETHER

February 6-9, 2021 Virtual Gathering

The Catholic Social Ministry Gathering brings together people from around the country working to combat hunger, poverty, and injustice at home and around the world. This year, we will pray, learn, and advocate together on the disparities revealed by COVID-19 and re-imagine new models of justice and solidarity.

The pandemic has created challenges to connecting with other Catholics doing the work of serving neighbors in need.

This year's virtual CSMG presents a unique opportunity for more Vincentians than ever to experience the breadth and depth of Catholic Social Teaching and action, as well as engage with other ministry leaders. The CSMG is packed with information, resources, and new ideas to bring back to your Conferences and Councils. \$50 Registration.

[For more information and to register now click here.](#)



Christine Tyndall and Anita Kozeska present a check for \$1,500 to the **SVDP Assumption Chapel Food Pantry** in Altoona. The money was raised by clients at the [Simply Power Yoga Studio](#).

Accepting the check for the pantry are co-directors Bob McManus and Fred Pasquini co-directors.

Amazing and stunning were the comments made by Don Belsey Pantry Director.



2021

- **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**
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3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
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What a fantastic way to start the year. Since October four vehicles were donated to our vehicle donation program generating over \$3,100 in revenue for SVDP.

These generous donors made the choice to give their unwanted or no longer needed car to our program. A simple phone call or going to our website to start the process; its that simple.

If you, a family member, or friend have a vehicle that is not longer needed (even if it isn't running) consider donating it to SVDP. Proceeds from the sale stay local.

[Click here](#) to start the process or call 1.800.322.8284.