



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
ALTOONA/JOHNSTOWN

**FEBRUARY 2021**

**SVDP MONASTERY COMMUNITY GARDEN SPRING PLANTING SEASON IS HERE**

Its that time of year again. Spring planting at the Monastery Garden begins on **Friday, April 2 from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm.**



Thanks to Dotty Caminiti and Jim Yeager who volunteer their time throughout the year to organize volunteers and generally keep the garden “growing”. Because of Dotty, Jim and the other volunteers over 13,000 pounds of vegetables were donated to local food banks and soup kitchen last year.

This is a perfect opportunity to volunteer as a family. You do not need to know how to plant. You may even pick up some tips and tricks of the trade. The garden will supply gloves, snacks, coffee, soda, and water.

For more information on the Monastery Garden go to the website at [monasterygardens.weebly.com](http://monasterygardens.weebly.com) or call Dotty Caminiti at (814) 330-0866.



 **SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021**

11:00 am to 2:00 PM

Tickets \$8.00\*

**St. Vincent DePaul**

**Soup Kitchen**

2201 Union Ave, Altoona, PA



**Spring Chicken BBQ**

THE DINNER INCLUDES

- Half a Chicken
- Murf's Potato Salad  
(prepared by DelGrosso Foods)
- Applesauce
- Roll

\*Tickets may be purchased at the soup kitchen weekdays from 8 am to 11 am or at the door on March 28.

Call (814) 944-6302 for more information.

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Memory/ Honor of Donation



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Famvin Quote of the day February 26

*“We must never be surprised at the little misunderstandings which arise. The angels and the apostles disagreed and Our Lord permits it to happen in communities for a greater good. But it rests with us to avoid these regrettable circumstances and to become closely reconciled as soon as possible.”*

– St. Vincent de Paul

## ALTOONA THRIFT STORE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

For more information call 943-1981 ext. 102

**Donations  
Processors/Sorters  
needed!**

**MANY WAYS TO  
GET INVOLVED**

**Volunteer**

**JOIN HANDS WITH THOSE IN NEED**

At St. Vincent de Paul, volunteers are essential to all we do. They're our superheroes, although they don't wear capes. They are regular people of all ages and walks of life. Some volunteer once a week, some once a year. We invite you to be one of them.

You can volunteer with your family, school, or business, or come on your own and join the volunteer community here. You can work directly with our neighbors in need or behind the scenes. Everyone has a talent or ability that can be used to help others. All it really takes is a heart for helping.

The Altoona store is in need of a 15-16' box truck. Preferably one with less than 100,000 miles and a lift gate.

## BARBARA'S HALLMARK GIFT OF GIVING

Every fall [Barbara's Hallmark](#) in Johnstown holds a fundraiser called the Gift of Giving. Last fall the fundraiser raised \$850 for the **Johnstown Kitchen**.



A sincere thank you to Barbara's Hallmark.

2020 Gift of Giving Ornament



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

## HAPPENINGS AT JOHNSTOWN KITCHEN

Through the generosity of Lee Initiatives the **Johnstown Kitchen** received a grant to purchase winter outerwear. At the beginning of February, the Kitchen distributed winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves and socks. The Johnstown Family Kitchen wishes to thank the following:

**Lee Initiatives** for the grant;

**Bosco's Department Store** for helping with the purchasing the clothing and;



The **volunteers** who came to pack the bags for distribution.

On February 12, Jeff Hammer a volunteer and supporter of the kitchen stopped by the kitchen with daisies to hand out for Valentine's Day.

Thank you Jeff for generous thoughtful gift.



The Johnstown Kitchen will hold its last soup sale for the year on **March 10 from 3pm to 6 p.m.**

The featured soups will be Italian Wedding Soup and Watercress Soup.

Purchase a quart of soup and bread for \$7 or a bowl of soup and bread for \$5.

You can place your order ahead of time by calling the Kitchen at 539-7811.



## FOREVER MEDIA CAMP OUT FOR COLD AND HUNGER

In early February [Forever Media](#) camped out in an RV provided by [Mattas Motorsports](#) and collected food and clothing for people in need in the community.

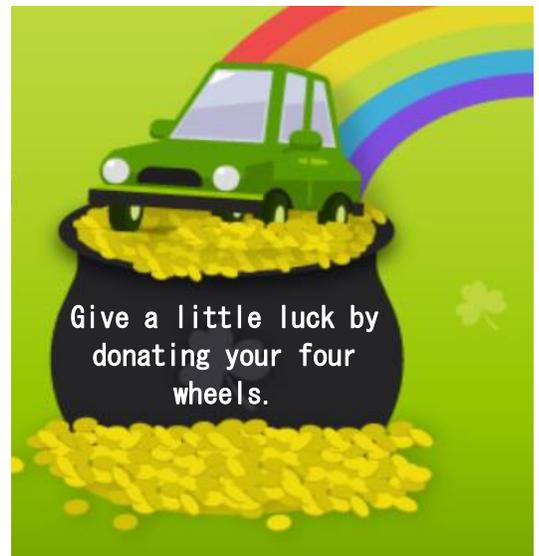
The United Way received the clothing the **SVDP Assumption Chapel Food Pantry** received the food.

A sincere thank you to Forever Media, sponsors, and volunteers for making this event successful.



2021

- **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10**  
**Friends-day Wednesday Soup Sale**  
Johnstown Family Kitchen, 231 Bedford St  
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 28**  
**Spring Chicken BBQ**  
SVDP Altoona Kitchen, 2201 Union Ave  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**  
**13th Annual Rio Golf Outing**  
Park Hills Country Club, Altoona  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM



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.

A phone call or going to our website to start the process is all it takes.

[Click here](#) or call 1.800.322.8284.