



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
ALTOONA/JOHNSTOWN

APRIL 2021



Due to the COVID 19 outbreak, the 2021 Highmark Walk Events will be moving to a virtual walk.

So what exactly is a virtual walk?

Highmark (on their website) describes a virtual walk in this way:

“A **virtual walk** is a real walk, but on your terms: Anytime between now and the end of the campaign on July 15, you choose how and when you walk (indoor treadmill, or safely around the neighborhood, park or trail) you choose! You also pick the time of when you start and stop!

Virtual walkers can safely and leisurely participate in a 5K (3.1 mile) walk or a one-mile walk (safely without the crowds and in accordance with the CDC guidelines.)

We encourage our Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community walkers to share their journey with us via social media, by posting photos of you safely walking to the Highmark Walk Facebook page using the #highmarkwalk.”

There are seven locations. St. Vincent de Paul is under the Laurel Highlands walk.

[Click here](#) to donate or sign up.



Georgia and Tom Lehman at the Highmark walk in 2018.

- **NOW THROUGH JULY 15, 2021**  
Virtual Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community
- **SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021**  
Feed the Need Summerfest  
Peoples Natural Gas Field, Johnstown  
3:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021**  
13th Annual Rio Golf Outing  
Park Hills Country Club, Altoona  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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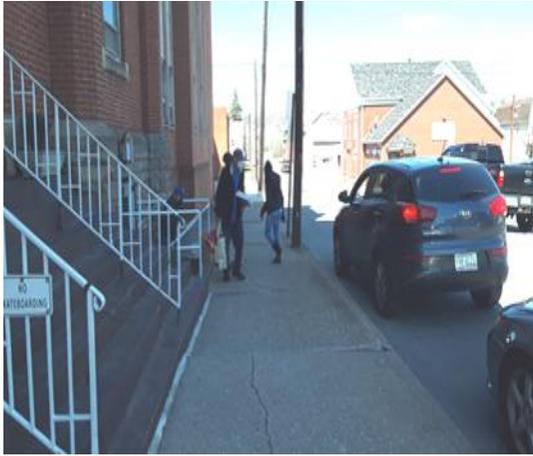


[Click here](#) for daily reflections and a quote of the day.

Famvin Quote of the day April 25

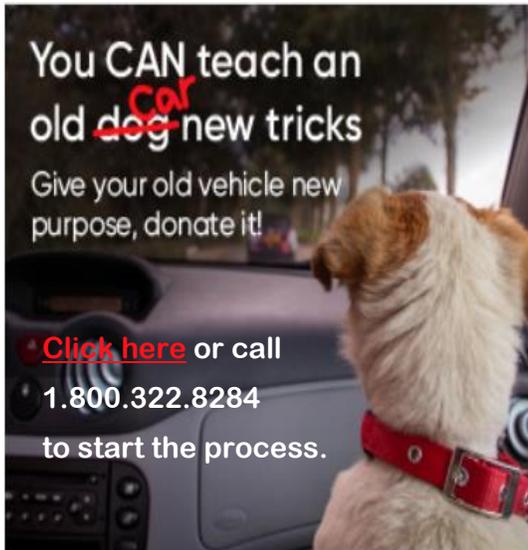
*“Why should your soul not be filled with confidence since, by the mercy of Our Lord, you are his beloved daughter/son?”*

– St. Vincent de Paul



Above, volunteers hand out to-go lunches at St. Mark's Church in Altoona.

For the last several years **St. Mark's Conference** opened their doors on Good Friday for lunch since the Altoona Soup Kitchen is closed on that day. Over 100 meals were handed out this year.



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



Like many fundraisers and other community events the **Johnstown Food for Families** had to cancel two of their biggest fundraisers last year; Feed the Need Truck Rodeo and the Duck Race. The two events had promised to be fun and successful. The Rodeo was excited to feature local singing artist Josh Gallagher.

This year Food for Families decided to combine both fundraisers in to one blowout event... **Feed the Need Summerfest**.

The event will include celebrity duck "un"racers, booths from local businesses and nonprofits, the area's finest food trucks and **"The Voice" Season 11 finalist and Nashville recording artist, Josh Gallagher**.

[Tickets](#) for the event are available on line at [www.svdpcares.org](http://www.svdpcares.org)

### SUMMERFEST FEED THE NEED

Saturday, August 7, 2021

3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

People's Natural Gas Park, Johnstown, PA

### CONSIDER BECOMING A SPONSOR

Sponsor levels include:

- \$3,500 Platinum
- \$2,500 Gold
- \$1,500 Silver
- \$500 Bronze

For more information on the event or sponsorships contact Kathy Irwin Morrell (814) 341-2049 or Georgia Lehman (814) 242-2083.

## JOHNSTOWN FOOD FOR FAMILIES RECEIVES STIMULUS GIFT

The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank wanted to say thank you and honor the good work the Food for Families has done over the past year. A one-time unrestricted stimulus gift of \$10,000 was presented to FFF in April.

Tom Lehman, Johnstown FFF Warehouse manager said, "The money will be used to purchase food for the community. We are grateful to be able to partner with the Pittsburgh food bank and sincerely thank them for the gift."

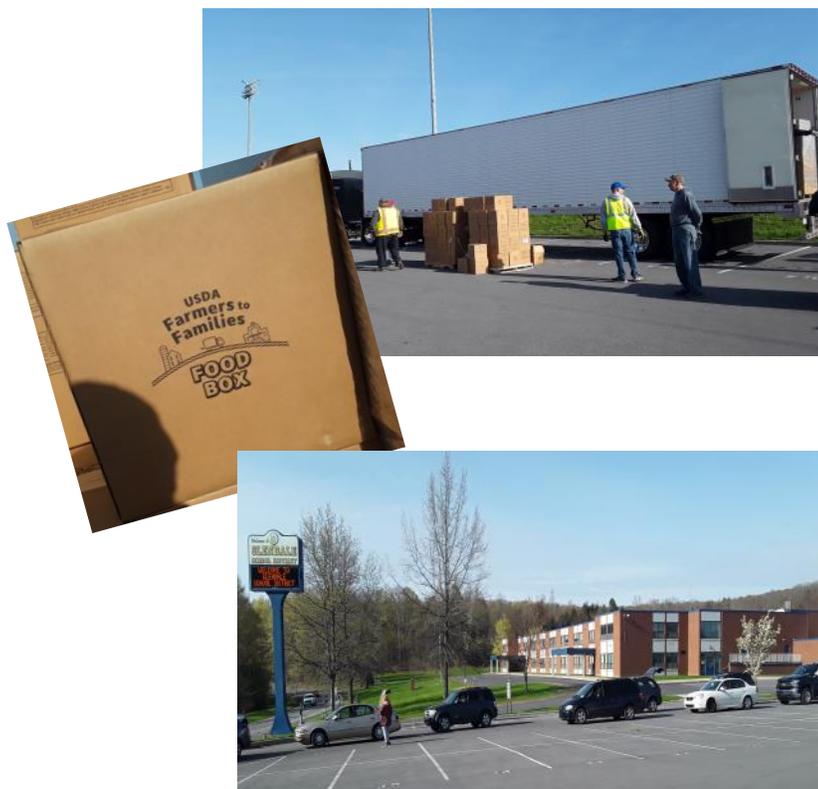


Pictured above is food given out weekly at the Johnstown Family Kitchen.

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT GLENDALE HIGH SCHOOL

On Saturday, April 24 cars lined up in the parking lot of Glendale High School as boxes of food were distributed by **St. Bernard's Food Pantry**.

St. Bernard's is located at 139 Huber Street in Hastings. For information on distribution times and to sign up food assistance call (814) 247-8569.



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORES

### ALTOONA

1215 7th Ave  
(814) 943-1981

### JOHNSTOWN

301 Central Ave  
(814) 535-4357

### CARROLLTOWN

204 N Main St  
(814) 344-9309

### N. CAMBRIA

1907 Bigler Ave  
(814) 948-8828

### CRESSON

115 Ashcroft Ave  
(814) 886-9566

### NANTY-GLO

1005 Caroline St  
(814) 749-6043

### EBENSBURG

Ebensburg Mini Mall  
(814) 472-4362

### STATE COLLEGE

1300 Benner Pike, Ste B  
(814) 867-3131

Your donations and patronage help support our mission.

*"Helping us help others"*

## 13TH ANNUAL SVDP YOUTH MINISTRY GOLF OUTING

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.

On Thursday, September 2, 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).



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One Tee Sign  
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## SO HEART WARMING...FROM A DAD AND COACH OF THESE BOYS

This is a story posted on the SVDP Monastery Gardens Facebook page. The Gardens do much more than grow vegetables. The program gives young people and their families a chance to work together and create an understanding of the importance of volunteering and feeling the satisfaction of doing a good job. Check out their Facebook page for more stories and updates on the current growing season. [www.facebook.com/C4CInitiative](http://www.facebook.com/C4CInitiative)

Wanted to share with the dads of the boys who volunteered today at the **Monastery Gardens** in planting onions.

This was not a terribly exhausting task but it was out of the comfort zone of boys aged 11 to 14/15 years old.

Down on hands and knees, digging small holes for the plant, covering them by hand, and then watering with a garden watering can.

They worked together with some encouragement and direction and did a GREAT JOB. I was glad to be a part of that group although those boys can scoot around on their hands and knees better than a 51 year old washed up catcher.



Brennan, Zach, Bryson, Eli, Austin, Andy, Cameron, and Jesse...I like to list them each by name; grew up some today. It may not seem like much, but they volunteered for a bigger cause and helped complete a task of which will help feed individuals and families.

Dads, you should be proud. Also, we should be thankful for Miss Kelly and her connection to the program and helping direct the process.



With all the gunk and junk in our societies, it was good to be "in the dirt" with young people and helping the larger contingent of volunteers that showed up today in Hollidaysburg on Good Friday. I worked mostly with Cameron, Jesse, and Andy and we spoke briefly about Jesus dying on the cross today for our sins...remembering that today. Jesse said it was a good day yet a sad day for Jesus...he is right.

Hug your sons often. They are growing up too fast. But, they are very good boys. No arguing, no horseplay, a few snacks and some touch football at end. A very good day.