



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ALTOONA/JOHNSTOWN

JANUARY 2022

PASSING OF THE SWORD

Almost eleven years to the day she was hired Sally Hinton has retired. For those of you who don't know Sally she has been the driving force behind the successful **Johnstown SVDP thrift store.**

Sally is a professional and has a big heart never losing sight of the Society's mission; to help those in need.

We asked some of the workers at the thrift store about Sally and this is what they had to say:



Sally Hinton

"I truly enjoyed working with Sally. She was a great leader and a good friend" Sandy Stoykovich

"I love her! She is so great and always willing to help" Pat Cable

"There are so many words to describe Sally. Great leader, wonderful organizer, awesome friend! She is going to be missed by all of us at the Johnstown Thrift Store" Linda Lowes



Marjorie Lechene

"A beautiful lady with a heart of gold, very hard shoes to fill!" Marjorie Lechene.

Marjorie Lechene came on board as the new Johnstown manager on January 3, 2022.

Like Marjorie said, she has hard shoes to fill but we are confident that she is up to the task.

Good luck and thank you Sally. Congratulations and welcome aboard Marjorie.



- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022
Friendsday Wednesday
Johnstown Family Kitchen
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022
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Johnstown Family Kitchen
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOTIFY US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Events/fundraisers can be added to the newsletter and the website calendar as soon as you have a firm date. The newsletter typically is distributed at the end of the month so, for instance, a January event should go in the December newsletter at the very latest.

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Memory/ Honor of Donation

Famvin Quote of the day, January 30

"One can never have too great a supply of patience and mild persuasion."

– St. Vincent de Paul

– Lord, when I have failed to succeed in persuading anyone to another course of action, it was probably because of my impatient and aggressive manner. Create in me a gentle patience that respects the views of others and seeks to persuade in a non-threatening manner.



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



The Altoona **McAuliffe Heights** student council at organized an collection drive and collected canned food, winter hats and gloves for kids in need.

Way to go! To everyone that participated at [McAuliffe Heights](#).



A busy December as Vincentians and parishioners worked to pack and distribute the food and books.



The Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church SVDP Conference members and parishioners delivered 125 Christmas food baskets to those in need in Huntingdon County.

The baskets included turkey dinners with all the fixings, fresh fruits and vegetables, butter, milk and many other nutritious foods. All the food was donated or monetary donations were given to purchase items not donated by parishioners and community members.

In addition to the food baskets, the parish set up a giving tree asking for books, instead of toys, to be purchased for the children who had a tag on the tree.



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



On Saturday, December 11 **Knights of Columbus 8244** of St. Benedict's parish hosted a breakfast with Santa. Many students from youth ministry at **Divine Mercy** in Johnstown volunteered after school on Friday to decorate trees and make the hall "Santa" ready. Saturday morning the students arrived early to assist children with the crafts, cookie decorating, writing letters to Santa and to help serve breakfast.

A very complimentary letter from KOC knight, Gregory Kutsick, was sent to the students thanking them for their help. (See letter on the right.)



12/11/21
 To Ms. Becky Lear and the Students of St. Vincent de Paul

On behalf to the Knights of Columbus from St. Benedicts Parish I would like to thank each of you for your time and effort during Breakfast with Santa this year.

During this year's breakfast, there were slow times and very busy times. Each of you handled your duties in a very professional, respectful and responsible way.

I was grateful and proud to have each of you assist this year. You should be proud of your self and hold your head high as you truly exhibited the Spirit of Christmas today by giving of yourselves to assist others and helped the children to have a good time this Christmas season

Again, thank you for your time and effort with assisting with Breakfast With Santa 2021

Humbly
 Gregory Kutsick
 Knights of Columbus 8244



ARC of Centre County presented their Volunteer Site of the Year Award for 2021 to The **SVDP Thrift Store in State College**.

The thrift store provided ARC volunteers with consistent opportunities to volunteer. On the [ARC Facebook](#) page they site a number or reasons for their choice including the thrift store's willingness to work with a potential volunteer's schedule and utilizing their strengths to make the volunteer's experience meaningful.

Above accepting the award is Mary Hershey, store day manager and vice president of the Our Lady of Victory conference.



Christine Tyndall representing Simply Power Yoga presents \$1,001 check to **Assumption Chapel Co/Director Bob McManus**.

This is the second year [Simply Power Yoga](#) has raised funds from its members.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The [Youth Ministry program](#) was fortunate to have a number of donations from individuals and businesses that helped make Christmas special for some local kiddos.

The Ministry provides assistance to local families with children through the Christmas program, backpack program, summer feeding program, and financial assistance for utilities and rent.

As with our other ministries funding comes from our conferences, thrift stores, direct donations, and car donation program.

The Youth Ministry also has one main fundraiser a year, the annual Golf Outing. (Details to follow.)

Thanks to everyone that helped out with this year's Christmas for Kids.

Here are a couple of kiddos showing off their presents.



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EASY PROCESS | FREE PICK-UP | TAX BENEFITS

Consider donating your unwanted vehicle to our car donation program. The pick-up is free and you can designate which SVDP Conference, Ministry or Food for Family program gets the proceeds.

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