



## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ALTOONA/JOHNSTOWN

### MARCH 2022

#### ST ROSE OF LIMA SVDP CONFERENCE – CARE PACKAGE PROGRAM 2022

With the assistance of the parishioners from St Rose of Lima and St John the Evangelist, the **St Rose SVDP Conference** continued its efforts to serve the poor and needy during the ongoing pandemic. The pandemic has only intensified the loneliness and isolation among many of our seniors, the plight of the homeless in our community, the stress on new or expectant moms, and single parents.

The Conference helped make living through this tough time a little bit easier for these groups of individuals and families by supplying Care Packages. These packages contained useful items such as toiletries, blankets, gloves, hats, jig saw puzzles, scented candles, healthy snacks, diapers, baby wipes, parenting books, coffee mugs, bath bombs, activity books, etc.

Each donor was asked to include items to help boost the mental health of the recipient, such as a handwritten note of encouragement, a rosary, prayer card, gift card, etc.

The members of the St Rose SVDP Conference would like to take this time to thank all our donors who make our programs possible and the lives of the needy a bit easier.



Through the collection period, the St Rose SVDP Conference delivered over 250 care packages (pictured above) to needy individuals and families with the help of Family Services and WIC.

Famvin Quote of the day, March 30

“Blessed are they who wear themselves out for Charity.”

– St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

– Lord, give me a generous heart, always ready to give freely without counting the cost.



- **SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022**  
**Chicken BBQ Fundraiser**  
Altoona Soup Kitchen  
11:00 am to 2:00 pm
- **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2022**  
**14th Annual Rio Golf Outing**  
Park Hills Country Club, Altoona  
**8:00 AM - 5:00 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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reflections

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022**

11:00 am to 2:00 PM

Tickets \$10.00\*

**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

Call (814) 944-6302 for more information.  
Tickets can be purchased at the Soup Kitchen Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 11:00 am or at the door on April 10.



#### WHAT IS VOICE OF THE POOR?

Voice of the Poor (VOP) is the advocacy arm of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Take a look at the VOP website and you will find many resources including webinars that address critical issues of those living in poverty and need. Issues such as predatory lending; pathways out of poverty, racism, etc.

The webinars also include subjects like building a VOP network, accessing poverty stats in the community, systemic change and mentoring, etc.

[Click here](#) for a list of webinars.

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

#### NEVER A DULL MOMENT AT THE STATE COLLEGE THRIFT STORE!

In early March a State College blogger, Mary Kisner, stopped by the **State College SVDP Thrift Store** and wanted to know all about the operation so she could write about the store in her blog.

Janet Haner, the past manager, happened to be in the store when Mary came by; she answered all her questions and gave her a tour.

Mary also took a ton of photos; many are in her blog.

"Very nice article and a great advertisement for our store and the SVDP mission!" said Bill Haner, SVDP Council Vice President.

The blog is called Mary's Musings. To read the article "Exploring the St. Vince de Paul Thrift Store" [click here](#)



**The Blair County Antique Auto Club** gave a \$500 donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at the club's March 10 meeting. It was presented to Sonny Consiglio (center) by Craig Wills (left), executive board member, and Rick Spielvogle, director.



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