



# SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ALTOONA/JOHNSTOWN

## DECEMBER 2022



### HUNTINGDON CONFERENCE DISTRIBUTES CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Every year the **Most Holy Trinity Conference** collects items for their annual Christmas basket distribution. This year the baskets were filled with a frozen turkey, fresh fruit and vegetables, canned goods, breads, snacks and a story book for the children. Joe Masciangelo, conference vice president, said, "It was very successful because of parishioners' and friends' generosity with their time and resources."



Fr. Mark Reid, Administrator, of the Most Holy Trinity Church blesses the food baskets.

The volunteers assembled and distributed 125 baskets on Saturday, December 17.



- ◆ **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023**  
Johnstown Family Kitchen Soup Sale  
231 Bedford St, Johnstown  
**3:00 PM - 6:00 PM**
- ◆ **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023**  
Johnstown Family Kitchen Soup Sale  
231 Bedford St, Johnstown  
**3:00 PM - 6:00 PM**
- ◆ **YOUR EVENT HERE.**



Voice of the Poor (VOP) is the advocacy arm of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The VOP website has many resources including webinars that address critical issues of those living in poverty and other issues plaguing society. [Click here](#) for a list of webinars.

#### CONTACT US

(814) 943-1981

[avcdepaul@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:avcdepaul@atlanticbbn.net)

[www.svdpcares.org](http://www.svdpcares.org)



Memory/ Honor of Donation

### Famvin Quote of the day, December 29

"God exacts great purity of intention from those who serve him; they should guard most carefully against vain glory." (SW:703)

– St. Louise de Marillac

– Keep far from me, Lord, the desire to be appreciated for everything I do. Instead, today I will go out of my way to thank someone I usually take for granted.



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



**FALL PIE SALE**

**SVDP Assumption Food Pantry** in Altoona is the recipient of a \$750 check, the proceeds from a pie sale held this past fall, by [GBU Life](#).

Thank you GBU Life for your kindness.

Pictured above from right to left: Moose Musante, warehouse mgr; Betty Richardson, GBU secretary; Don Belsey, Director; Bob McManus, pantry co-Director.



Merry Christmas from the staff and volunteers at the **Johnstown Family Kitchen**.

**A DECADE OF GIVING**

For the past 10 years the volunteers and Vincentians at the **St. Joseph Conference** in Williamsburg have given their Thanksgiving to cook and deliver Thanksgiving dinner to those less fortunate.

240 dinners were delivered to families in Williamsburg and, this year, Hollidaysburg and to some homeless in Altoona benefitted from the conference's generosity.



Holly Claar, conference secretary said, "We are so blessed to live in such a small helpful community with one shared goal, to spread the love of Christ through service."



**ALTOONA FAMILY KITCHEN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOYS AND FOOD GIVE AWAY**

The **Altoona Kitchen** held their annual give away on December 22nd one of the coldest, if not the coldest days so far this season. Despite the weather, many volunteers were on site to help members of the community receive boxes of food, turkeys or ham, and toys for their children.

Right: Jill from St. Augustus Church handing out homemade hats, scarves and gloves that a volunteer made and donated.



Below: Toni White, Joanne and Dee all first year volunteers helping at the toy tables.



Sister Paula



A sincere thank you to all our volunteers. Not only for this event but for everything you do all year long that helps us help others!



Left Patrick Miller President IAFF Local 299 Right Captain Ben Barstow E311 were on hand to assist with distribution.



Sister Pauline assisting a gentleman in the soup kitchen.