



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ALTOONA/JOHNSTOWN

APRIL 2023

SVDP ST. BERNARD'S FOOD PANTRY

Families are having a harder time than ever putting food on the table so it is no surprise that pantries are increasing their donation numbers. Just last week, St. Bernard's added 15 new families to their list of families in need.

A few years ago some food pantries in the Blandburg area closed and true to Vincentian fashion **SVDP St. Bernard's Food Pantry** took on the distribution of those families. So for the past three plus years St. Bernard's have distributed food boxes to between 70 and 90 families on the fourth Saturday of the month. There is no sign-up in advance for the Blandburg distribution so anyone in the Cambria County area can come if they find themselves in need.



An earlier distribution from Hastings pantry.

If you or someone you know is in need of food and groceries for yourself or your family, call the SVDP office or checkout our website. Our website lists the five SVDP pantries along with two soup kitchens. We also have a list of other area pantries on our website, svdpcares.org.

Food insecurity will never go away, and the need will most likely grow before it gets better.

Assumption Chapel Pantry in Altoona had a crazy April. In just 8 days they served 1,327 people!
That is a 73% (766) increase from one year ago for the entire month of April 2022.

SVDP is so fortunate to have volunteers who understand that, when someone in our community needs help, be it food, clothing, help with utilities or rent, we do what we can. The staff and volunteers make the SVDP mission their mission; they truly are the backbone of the Society and without them we would not exist.

"Helping Us Help Others"

Famvin Quote of the day, April 22

"There is no state in the world that has not its bitterness and crosses, and which therefore does not make us desire to embrace some other condition." (CCD 7:203)
— St. Vincent de Paul
— Without the cross, there could be no resurrection. Lord, when I complain about my sufferings, help me to remember this truth.



- ◆ **SIP, ROCK & DUCK DROP**
PNG Park, Johnstown
Saturday, July, 8
4:00 PM
[Click here](#) for more information
- ◆ **15TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**
Park Hills Country Club, Altoona
Date TBD
- ◆ **YOUR EVENT HERE**
Send event info to
svdadmin@atlanticbbn.net

Your event can be added a month or months in advance. Special promotions being hosted by the thrift stores, fundraisers, dinners, just to name a few. Get them on the calendar as soon as possible.

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



Thank you to the **Divine Mercy** volunteers who helped with lunch on March 9 at the Johnstown Kitchen.



Call **1-800-322-8284** or click on the picture for more information and to start the donation process on line.

Remember, it doesn't have to run and you can designate what ministry gets the proceeds from your generosity. The program is not limited to cars, we accept:



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.

SPRING 2023 PRESIDENTS' MEETING

On Saturday, April 22 the **St. Francis Xavier Church** in Cresson hosted the annual SVDP Conference president's meeting. As always Dave Taddei was very helpful in making sure the hall was ready for our meeting.

The meeting has many agenda items, financial reports, online donations and the car donation program; upcoming events and fundraisers including the installation of new officers. At this meeting Stan Gordon was sworn in as the Johnstown Council President by the Council Spiritual Advisor, Mary Beth Schmidhamer.



In the photo to the right, Don Tedjeske, the out going president, is giving Stan booklets and other materials he will need to preform his duties. Don is currently the Visitation Church Conference president.



On the right are some of the conference presidents and representatives that attended the meeting.



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The current issue of Frederic's e-Gazette has information on the 2023 Friends of the Poor Walk, Poverty Program Updates, a calendar of upcoming webinars and much more. Below is a webinar that will be presented on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 7:30 PM Eastern Time.

SEVEN DUTIES OF A CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Designed for all Conference Presidents, new or experienced, as well as Members who may be considering becoming Conference Presidents. This presentation will help you prepare to be a more effective Servant Leader, focusing on the Seven Duties of a Conference President:

**Commitment | Comprehension | Communication | Cultivation
Collaboration | Chairperson | Contributions/Compliance**

You'll have opportunities to interact and ask questions during this live session! [Click here](#) to register for the webinar.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
for the vegetable and
flower gardens at the
**Monastery Community
Gardens.**



Volunteer summer hours:

Monday and Wednesday

8:00 am to Noon

4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Saturday

8:00 am to Noon

No experience or knowledge of gardening required.
Just the desire to get your hands dirty, have fun, and
meet some great people while giving back to the
community.

[Learn more](#) about the volunteer jobs.



Saturday, July 8, 2023
PNG Park in Johnstown
Gates open at 4:00 PM

Live performance by award winning blues guitarist,
Tab Benoit.



Tickets are \$20 in advance, or
\$25 at the gate!

All proceeds support the St.
Vincent DePaul Johnstown
Family Kitchen.

[Click here](#) for more information
and to purchase tickets.

**CHECK OUT SVDP THRIFT STORES
FOR GREAT BARGAINS!**

Go to www.svdpcares.org/thrift-stores for
hours of operation.

Interested in volunteering? Call the store or
go fill to the [form on line](#).



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