



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ALTOONA/JOHNSTOWN

SUMMER/FALL 2023

INSTALLATION OF STUDENTS TO THE SVDP YOUTH MINISTRY

Masses were held at St. Benedict Church on October 4 and at Our Mother of Sorrows Parish on October 5 where students were installed and given SVDP Youth Member pins.



Divine Mercy Academy West
Campus students at Our Lady of
Sorrows church, Johnstown

Divine Mercy Academy East
Campus students at St. Benedict
church, Johnstown

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Famvin Quote of the day, November 6

"May the radiance of your charity be a beaming light, and may there never appear amongst you, either in the community, or with outsiders, or in speaking about them, any rivalry, jealousy or that spirit of the world which inclines us to criticize, blame or contradict what others do, thinking that only to be right and good which we do ourselves as the outcome of our initiative."

— St. Vincent de Paul

— Keep me, Lord, from giving in to motives of competition and too great a desire to get ahead which may cloud my vision and damage the good you wish to accomplish through me.



- ◆ **OZANAM ORIENTATION**
Date TBD
- ◆ **THRIFT STORES MEETING**
Friday November 17
10:00 AM Altoona Council Office
- ◆ **THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER**
Carrolltown—**CANCELED**

THE 3RD ANNUAL STUCKEY AUTOMOTIVE FOOD BANK CHALLENGE

The Food Bank Challenge benefits the St. Vincent de Paul's **Food for Families Soup Kitchen** in Altoona.

Representatives from each dealership will gather at the Food for Families Soup Kitchen in Altoona on **Tuesday, December 12th**, to count the donated food items and proclaim the winning team.

For more details go to Stuckeyautomotive.com

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ANNUAL DINNER PICTURES



Sonny Consiglio with the evening's guest speaker, Cindy O'Connor.

Cindy is the executive director of Catholic Charities for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Altoona Johnstown.



OZANAM ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner is held to commemorate the anniversary of the St. Vincent de Paul Society; this year is the 190th anniversary.

During the dinner the Ozanam Humanitarian Award is given to an individual or individuals in recognition of their service to the Society. To say award is not the best description because "award" recipients do not volunteer for accolades; it is their dedication. SVDP is so grateful to have so many devoted volunteers.

This year's recipient's are Linda Lowes and Bill and Janet Haner.

Linda has worked at the Johnstown thrift store for over 20 years. She was planning on retiring in 2011 but the store needed her and she could not step away. Linda says she plans on retiring this year but will continue to help out.



Linda Lowes receiving Award from Don Tedjeske



Janet and Bill Haner

Bill and Janet Haner have been very active in the Our Lady of Victory Conference in State College for many years. Janet managed the State College thrift store, which has grown significantly and she continues, now, as the volunteer recognition coordinator. Bill started his journey with SVDP at the thrift store. He served as vice-president and president for the OLV conference and

has just taken on the role of Diocesan Council President and Food for Families Board member.



Left to right: Don Tedjeske, former Johnstown Council President; Linda Lowes, award recipient; Tony Martin, Master of Ceremonies; Sonny Consiglio, Executive Director; Janet and Bill Haner, award recipients; and Sally Lima, past President of OLV Conference

SEVEN MOUNTAINS MEDIA HOSTS TURKEY DRIVE IN ALTOONA AND JOHNSTOWN

A turkey drive hosted by **Seven Mountains Media** was held on Friday, November 3 at the **Richland Giant Eagle** parking lot. Turkeys and other Thanksgiving staples were collected for the **Johnstown Family Kitchen**.



Through the generosity of Seven Mountains Media, and many big-hearted people the Kitchen will be distributing Turkey and fixings on **Monday, November 20** at noon at the rear door of the Soup Kitchen, 231 Bedford St. First come first serve.

The Johnstown Kitchen will be open Thanksgiving Day.



Thank you Seven Mountains Media Staff!
(picture courtesy of [Russ Beckett Facebook](#).)

On the same day, Seven Mountains Media held another Turkey Drive at the **PNC Field** parking lot in Altoona for the **Assumption Chapel Food Pantry**.

The drive garnered 96 turkeys, \$1,800 in canned goods and over \$1,500 in cash, checks, and gift cards.

Don Belsey sends a special shout out to Linda and Danno McGrath for bringing pizza and a cooler of water to the volunteers.



To everyone that helped make the drive a success Don said, "Good job. You done good."



Congratulations to the winners of the **Carrolltown Thrift Store** raffle during the month of October. The money raised goes to help support those in need in the community.

The winners are:

Radio, Helen Grillo

Holiday Music Box, Connie Gunther

Record Player, Bonny Hunt

Globe Clock, Janet Beckel

The staff and volunteers say, "congratulations to all and thank you so much to everyone that participated for your support."



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:



MOST HOLY TRINITY'S MAYFEST SALE

Written by, Susan Rumpf, a Most Holy Trinity conference member



As our president was hanging up our St. Vincent de Paul banners before the Huntingdon Mayfest started on April 29, a townsperson who loves our indoor sales gave her balloons to draw people into our basement.

We have not had our sale since Covid started and many in town were so pleased we were back!

The day started cool and rainy but opened up to be a good day both for weather and sales. From the donations of our parishioners and friends for the sale, we were able to raise more than \$2,200 for helping those in need in Huntingdon County.



Many former people we assisted came and thanked us for making their lives easier though rough times. We work hard for this day and are so grateful that we can touch so many lives.



Also with us that day were the Catholic Daughters selling baked goods and the Knights of Columbus who sold food. What a blessing to have these parish friends working alongside us that day.

COUNCIL, DISTRICT, AND CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS BEING SWORN IN AT PRESIDENTS' MEETINGS

At the Spring presidents' meeting Stan Gordon (middle) was sworn in as the Johnstown Council President by Mary Beth Schmiidhamer, (right) Spiritual Advisor. Don Tedjeske, (left) out going president, was there to hand over the reigns.



During the fall meeting Chrissy Agagliata (below, left) was sworn in as the Conference President for St. Mary's, Nanty Glo Conference; by Sonny Consiglio, Executive Director (middle) and Steve Lieb (third from left) was sworn in at Conference President for Holy Name Conference.



The fall meeting held one other significant installation, Bill Haner as the new SVDP Diocesan Council President and a seat on the FFF Board of Directors. Bill has volunteered at SVDP for over twenty years, serving as vice-president and president of the Our Lady of Victory Conference in State College and Bill along with his wife, Janet have been very involved with the State College thrift store.



The out going president, Dorothy Baron, serviced several terms and will most certainly be missed but is not going too far. She and will continue to volunteer at the Most Holy Trinity in Huntingdon.

Sonny Consiglio, Executive Director said, "Congratulations to everyone. Your dedication is what keeps the Society going. We could not do this without you."



YOUTH MINISTRY GOLF OUTING 2023

This was the 15th year for the SVDP Youth Ministry Golf Outing. Once again we were blessed with great weather and a great group of golfers that came out to spend the day on the Park Hills Golf Course while benefitting a worth while cause. It goes without saying that there are so many families in this area that are in need financially. Fundraisers like the golf outing help us to help these families. Along with our golfers SVDP was so fortunate to have so many sponsors for the event.

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Thank you to all our Tee Sponsors and everyone that donated items for the event.

A special thank you to Somerset Trust that donated sleeves of golf balls.



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