



# SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ALTOONA/JOHNSTOWN

## APRIL 2024



St. John Gualbert Cathedral  
117 Clinton St, Johnstown, PA

### A NEW CONFERENCE IS FORMED IN JOHNSTOWN

The SVDP Altoona/Johnstown Diocesan Council is very pleased to announce a new conference in the Johnstown District Council.

The **St. John Gualbert Conference** will be applying to National for official recognition.

Conference president is Ben Policicchio.

Sonny Consiglio, Executive Director said, "This is a very challenging time of all churches and religious organizations. We are so grateful to have a group of individuals that want to be part of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We look forward to what they have to offer and thankful for their devotion."

**Food for Families** in Johnstown purchased a refrigeration truck through the Feeding PA Grant CED/ARPA Cold Storage Project.



Pictured above is Christopher Lehman, warehouse director and Tommy Lehman, Jr. warehouse employee (middle) and staff from Tri Star in Blairsville where the truck was purchased.

### Famvin Quote of the day, April 22, 2024

*"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**  
**Saturday, July 13, 2024**  
4:00 pm  
Tickets available at the Johnstown Family Kitchen or [online](#)  
Peoples National Gas Park, Johnstown
- ◆ **16TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**  
**Friday, September 6, 2024**  
9:00 am  
Park Hills Golf Course, Altoona

**Nobody  
Told  
Me**

ANY EVENTS BEING  
PLANNED?

Let us know so we can get  
it on the calendar.



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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:



The **SVDP Thrift Stores** meet every few months to discuss issues in the stores and brain storm ideas. Pictured above are store managers, conference presidents, and district council officers that met at the Altoona District Council office on Friday, April 5.



Above is a photo of the Old Cathedral in downtown St. Louis, Missouri and a photo of the plaque on the wall of the cathedral commemorating the meeting of the first St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the United States on October 1, 1845.

Bill and Janet Haner captured this photo while attending the SVdP USA National Mid-Year meeting March 13-16, 2024.

Bill is the SVdP Altoona/Johnstown council president.

## VOLUNTEERS ARE BUSY AT MONASTERY GARDENS

Planting, harvesting, and distributing grown vegetables is in full swing at the SVdP Gardens at the Monastery in Hollidaysburg!

“We have had great volunteers from the community including employees from Target and PSU students from the Homecoming Committee.” Said Erika, Volunteer Coordinator.



There is so much to do and volunteers are still needed.

If you or your organization are interested in volunteering at The Gardens, please contact [svdpmonasterygardens@gmail.com](mailto:svdpmonasterygardens@gmail.com) or 814-280-5377.

**SIP, ROCK, & DUCK DROP**

**SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024**  
PEOPLES NATURAL GAS PARK, JOHNSTOWN PA

Featuring **KITCHEN DWELLERS** with **STONE THROWERS**

<b>GATES OPEN</b> 5:00 PM	<b>TICKETS</b>
<b>STONE THROWERS</b> 7:00 PM	<b>\$25 IN ADVANCE</b>
<b>KITCHEN DWELLERS</b> 9:00 PM	<b>\$30 AT THE GATE</b>

- SIGNATURE DUCK DROP CANNON RAFFLE, 50/50 & SILENT AUCTION
- LOCAL VENDORS & FOOD TRUCKS
- SIGNATURE DUCK COCKTAILS
- KIDS DUCKLING ZONE FULL OF LARGE INTERACTIVE GAMES/BOUNCY HOUSES (KIDS UNDER 12 ADMITTED FREE)

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The new National Council Board made a small name change, and we are now the Voice **FOR** the Poor Committee. While the committee's name changed slightly, the mission and focus remain the same.

Click here for more information on [Voice for the Poor](#) Webinars. For an updated manual [click here](#).