



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

JUNE 2017

ANNUAL MASS AND DINNER SET



With the 400th Anniversary of Vincen-tian Charism being celebrated on Sun-day, October 15, 2017 the Society will gather on that day for its Annual Liturgy and Dinner. This year the celebration will be held at Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg.

More information will be coming out but for now please mark your cal-endars and do not schedule any SVDP events for that day. Liturgy and Dinner will be open to all of our members, volunteers, pastors, donors, organizations and groups supporting our Mission.

HIGHMARK WALK SETS RECORD

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Johnstown Food for Families program collected a record amount from the 2017 Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community held May 20, 2017 in downtown Johnstown.



With the help of many St. Vincent de Paul groups, Ameriserv Financial, Bishop McCort and Divine Mercy students and many area businesses, organizations, and individuals, over \$13,000 was raised surpassing last year's goal of \$10,500. The Highmark Walk site for donations will remain open until the end of June for anyone still wishing to contribute and help fight hunger in Johnstown and Cambria County.

SVDP GOLF OUTING BENEFITS YOUTH MINISTRY



Another successful SVDP Golf Outing was held June 8th at Park Hills CC in Altoona. Proceeds from the outing, \$6,350, benefit the SVDP Youth Ministry and its many projects throughout the year.

Many thanks to our Major Sponsor, Sheetz Corporation, corporate sponsors, M&T

Bank, Ameriserv, Young, Oaks, Brown & Co. and over 20 tee sponsors who all helped to make it a great day all around.



VINCEN-TIAN FORMATION JUBILEE YEAR

400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VINCEN-TIAN CHARISM

It was in a small village in France that Vincent was touched by the tremendous spiritual poverty of people in the countryside. A few months later, he had the experience of the tremendous material poverty in the town of Châtillon that gave birth to the Ladies of Charity, today known as AIC, and who now witness so beautifully to the Vincentian Charism around the world. He began by encouraging others to change their lives from within, as well as to reach out to the people around them, who had material needs. At the same time, he experienced his own personal conversion, dedicating himself totally to the spiritually and materially poor and bringing about the collaboration of so many, who followed in his footsteps, to make the Gospel a reality "here and now" for millions and millions throughout the 400 years that have passed since that time. This mission will not end until Charity is globalized, until Charity has embraced all corners of the world and touched the heart of every person!



2017

- **SATURDAY, JUNE 24** —Eastern Regional Meeting, Emmitsburg, MD
- **FRIDAY & SATURDAY, AUGUST 11 & 12**—St. Therese Altoona Flea Market
- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**—400th Anniversary Mass & Dinner

ST. THERESE ALTOONA CONFERENCE TO HOLD FLEA MARKET

The SVDP Conference at St. Therese in Altoona will hold its annual Flea Market Friday, August 11 and Saturday, August 12 in Fr. Kelley Hall in Altoona. Hundreds of items will be available and there will be refreshments available as well.

Donations can be dropped off at Fr. Kelley Hall the Afternoon of August 10th.

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EASTERN REGION MEETING

There is still time to register for the SVDP Eastern Region meeting to be held Saturday, June 24, 2017 in Emmitsburg MD. Vincentians from all around the Eastern Region will gather for the day to exchange ideas and discuss different aspects of the mission of the Society.

The meeting will be held at the Seton Center in Emmitsburg. The day will begin with breakfast at 8:00 AM and conclude with Mass at 5:00 PM. All members and volunteers are welcome.

For more information or for a registration form, please contact one of the SVDP Conference presidents.

EMPTY BOWL

Once again this past May the Key Club of the Greater Johnstown High School held its “Empty Bowl” event and raised \$900 for the Society’s Food for Families program in Johnstown.

Key Club members decorated the bowls and they were distributed to those attending.



NEW TRACTOR FOR THE MONASTERY GARDEN

At left is a picture of Jim Yeager and Dotty Caminiti with the new-to-the-garden’s spiffy new tractor! They’ve just passed the Tractor Safety Course presented by Bill Harshman during which they learned how to drive the tractor, and how to safely attach the new bed-maker, brush-hog and tiller.

The Monastery Community Gardens are ten years old this year and prior to the acquisition of the new tractor, all the beds were dug with muscle and shovels. Thanks to a grant from the United Way these new tools will help us save time and open new planting areas.

Tomatoes, onions, garlic, cabbage, peppers, cucumbers, squash, corn, cantaloupes and watermelons got off to a shaky start because of the weather, but now that summer is here, they’re taking off! That means there’s lots of weeding and watering to do.

If you’d like to get your hands dirty, come out to the garden Monday and Wednesday from 5 to dusk and Saturday from 8 to noon.

**Monastery Community Gardens
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