



## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ALTOONA/JOHNSTOWN

### NOVEMBER 2018

#### ST. BERNARD'S PANTRY IS OPEN AND SERVING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

A ribbon cutting ceremony and open house was held on Saturday, November 17 for the newly built St. Bernard Food Pantry in Hastings. "This is a much needed program for the area." Thanks to the dedication of the St. Bernard's Conference and our volunteers, we now have a 3,680 square foot facility to distribute food to our neighbors in need", said Sonny Consiglio. The pantry will serve Hastings, Carrolltown, Nicktown, and Northern Cambria areas.



The pantry project was born out of need when the Carrolltown pantry closed. St. Bernard's conference stepped in and with a lot of faith and assistance from grants, donations, and appeals to the parish, the St. Bernard pantry was realized.



In addition to the families that St. Bernard's help each month the pantry is assisting a Blandburg pantry while they are closed due to building issues. Volunteers from St. Bernard's have again stepped up to the plate packing and transporting the boxes to a local fire company for the Blandburg pantry to distribute.

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS 2018

Last year your generosity enabled us to help 26 families, over 80 kids, in Blair and Cambria counties have a Merry Christmas.

Again this year, the SVDP Youth Ministry is collecting NEW toys, clothing, and/or monetary donations to purchase gifts for local boys and girls that may not have a Merry Christmas without your help.

Any contribution is greatly appreciated. The ages of the children vary. Last year there were boys and girls from 1 month up to 18 years old. Most of the kids were between 4 and 12 years old however, the largest number were teenage girls, followed by 2 to 3 year old boys.



For more information or to see how you can help call 814-943-1981 x 111 or email Sonny Consiglio at [avcdepaul@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:avcdepaul@atlanticbbn.net).

Monetary donations for Christmas for Kids, memorials, etc. can be mailed to St. Vincent de Paul, PO Box 231, Altoona, PA 16603 or donated on line at [www.svdpcares/donate-today.org](http://www.svdpcares/donate-today.org).



Members of the **St. Thomas Conference** was recently gifted a statue of St. Vincent De Paul. Pictured with the new statue are conference members (front row from left) Dorothy Weyant, Lynne Crone, Larry Crone (back row) Anne Jones, Mary Lou Waugerman.



### **SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER BY DONATING YOUR VEHICLE**

We are beginning to see an increase in donated vehicles. Since September five vehicles have been donated or are awaiting pickup. A sincere thank you to everyone that has taken advantage of this program.

Your generous donation supports St. Vincent de Paul Altoona Johnstown so we can continue to help those in need not only at this time of year but all year long.

[Click here](#) or call (800) 322-8284 to find out how you can donate.

### **FALL PRESIDENTS/DIRECTORS MEETING INSTALLS TWO NEW PRESIDENTS**

The fall meeting was held at the St. Francis Xavier Church hall in Cresson earlier this month. The meeting started with opening prayer followed by the installation of two new presidents.



Installation of new presidents by Council President Dorothy Baron (second row right) and Spiritual Director Alice Emanuel (first row center). Second row: right, Linda Legrand, President St. Bernard's Conference, Hastings; center, Randy Pawlowski, President Prince of Peace Conference, Northern Cambria.



Some of the other business included the 2019 Highmark Walk that will be moving from Johnstown to the Altoona Curve baseball field, (more information to follow), The National Hurricane Relief Appeal; and the [car donation program](#). The meeting adjourned shortly after lunch.





## MONASTERY GARDENS DONATED OVER 8,000 POUNDS OF VEGETABLES THIS SEASON

The last of the plants have been pulled. There will be no gardening for at least three or four months. It was a great year yielding 8,329.63 pounds of produce. Dotty Caminiti, Monastery Gardens volunteer said, “We are thankful we were able to donate that many pounds of healthy vegetables to area food banks and soup kitchens. A big thank you goes out to everyone who came and helped. Without volunteers this would not have happened.”

Keep up on the garden’s progress on their [Facebook page](#).

For more information and the history of Monastery Gardens visit their [website](#). Watch for their annual educational classes that will be under upcoming events. Volunteer information is also available on the website.



2018

- **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
[Friends-day Wednesday](#)  
SVDP Johnstown Soup Kitchen  
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
[Chicken BBQ](#)  
Knights of Columbus, Hollidaysburg  
11:00 am to 1:00 pm





## LOVE SOUP!



Join the St. Vincent de Paul Society Johnstown Family Kitchen for Friends-day Wednesday!

The 2nd Wednesday of each month from September through May we will feature two (2) different soups that can be purchased by the quart or bowl.

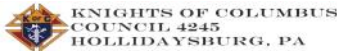
The fundraiser is based on the Empty Bowl Project and will support our kitchen.

**When: December 12, 2018**

**Time: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Where: Johnstown Family Kitchen  
231 Bedford Street  
Johnstown, PA 15901  
539-7811 or 242-2083**

**Cost: \$7.00 per quart with bread  
\$5.00 per bowl with bread**



WINTER



TICKETS  
\$8

**IT'S THE SEASON TO EAT CHICKEN!**

**JOIN US FOR OUR WINTER BBQ!**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 16**

**11 AM TO 1 PM**

**TICKETS ONLY \$8**

**SIT DOWN OR TAKE OUT**

**MEAL INCLUDES: OUR FAMOUS BBQ CHICKEN, BAKED BEANS, APPLESAUCE, AND ROLL. HOMEMADE DESSERTS AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE.**

For Tickets Call: Bob Hazenstab (696-4206), Mike Metzgar (931-9871), Jerry Kovach (696-0198), Tim Surkovich (696-1209), Ed Zang (207-9684), Dan Turcovsky (414-9636) or call the Knights Hall (695-4752)

PROCEEDS BENEFIT:



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## ST. MARK'S KITCHEN SERVICES LUNCH ON BLACK FRIDAY

The Altoona Soup Kitchen is open almost everyday Monday through Friday throughout the year. They are closed the day after Thanksgiving but know that the community will still have a safe place to go for a warm meal.

That is because the Altoona District Council and the kitchen committee at St. Mark's in Altoona opens their doors on Black Friday to serve the local community. Over one hundred people were served thanks to the many volunteers who took time out of their holiday to prepare, serve, and clean up after the lunch.



Rose Dixon, St. Therese Altoona conference president, (seen on the left) was one of the volunteers on Friday. Rose said, "We had a great bunch of volunteers. We all worked well together and it was wonderful to see the support given to the people we served."



Local families and individuals enjoy a hearty lunch at St. Marks on Black Friday.