



THE VINCENTIAN WAY

The Official Newsletter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Long Island

Helping Long Islanders for more than 70 years.



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Our Mission

A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.

Dear Friends,

As we are in the midst of the traditional summer vacation season, my hope is that you are taking time to spend with your families. For the past year and a half, time with family and friends has been curtailed by the Covid-19 Pandemic. Hopefully, we will continue to emerge from this tragic event.

Yet many of our neighbors have incurred what will be long term hardships from the financial impact of Covid 19. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul and our Vincentians will be there as we have been for over 175 years to help our neighbors.

The Society has experienced many world tragedies over the years and endured through it all. This is due to our faithful Vincentian volunteers, leadership and supporters.

Our mission statement begins, "A network of friends inspired by Gospel values". This network of friends is vast, everyone has a role in our continued efforts to help our neighbors. Our Vincentians, who visit people in their homes to assist them onto a path of self-reliance, are the mainstay of our mission. Our donors and community members ensure that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has the resources to support our mission. There is also a network of Vincentian leadership.

For the past six years, Robert Meekins has served as our Diocesan Council President. Bob's term will end September 30, 2021. During his tenure, Bob reminded us to stay focused on our mission and to be creative with the assistance we offer to our neighbors. We have improved our organization by reorganizing our Board of Directors, Central Council Committees and added a new Nassau Central District. Bob worked tirelessly and has forever improved the Society of St. Vincent de Paul on Long Island.

I am pleased to announce that the Board of Directors elected Gus Gelardi as the next Diocesan Council President. Gus has served in the roles of Conference President, Suffolk North District Vice President, served on the Central Council Finance Committee, Executive Committee, Golf Committee and just completed his first term as the Suffolk North District President. He is also a St. Agnes Medal recipient. Gus's term will commence on October 1, 2021.

I look forward to supporting Gus as he assumes the position of President and Board Chair. Please keep Gus in your prayers.

Yours in the Spirit of St. Vincent de Paul,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas J. Abbate'.

Thomas J. Abbate
CEO & Executive Director



Join Our **Prayer Partners Group**

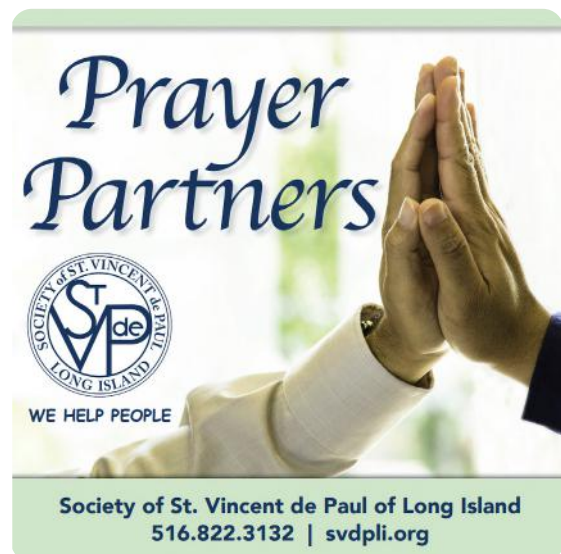
As part of our Giving Tuesday 2020 initiative, in which we posed the question, “How do you give?”

We began to ponder the idea of giving as a concept, and how there are so many ways to engage charitably with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We have our donors, who give financially, our store donors, who give donations of clothing, furniture and household goods, and our Vincentians, who give their time and talent in order to help their neighbors on the path to self-sufficiency. **But what about those who give their prayers, and how could we better assemble these individuals? And thus, the Prayer Partners group was born.**

The Prayer Partners group invites people to learn more about the mission of the Society and is ideal for those who are making initial contact, for retired Vincentians, or for those who simply desire a way to engage spiritually with our good works. Throughout

the year, members will receive periodic updates about the Society, including the Annual Report, “Thursday Thoughts” from Diocesan Spiritual Advisor Msgr. Gerard Ringenback, and other important updates to unite the group in prayer.

To learn more, or to become a member, contact Monique Love at mlove@svdpli.org.





Prom Dresses at the SVDPLI Thrift Stores

High school students across Long Island rejoiced when it was announced that proms could safely resume at the end of this past school year. While proms are often considered a rite of passage, the costs associated with dressing up for the evening can be an immense challenge for struggling families looking to participate in the time-honored tradition.

How fortunate we were to have partnered with Macy's Herald Square in order to provide affordable, high-quality dresses just in time for prom season. Throughout the spring, our SVDPLI thrift stores in Huntington and Garden City Park featured a wide array of designer dresses from the Macy's flag ship store.

“We must celebrate and give thanks to Macy’s for an incredibly generous donation of clothing and merchandise,” says Howard Slivka, Garden City Park Store Manager. “The money collected through the sales of these items have enabled us to help our neighbors in need, in ways too numerous to count.”

As a reminder, SVDPLI is always seeking donations of new and gently used upscale clothing to help those in need celebrate special events with dignity. Donations can be made at our two thrift stores, or in any of our bins across Long Island.



**Thank You For
Your Donations!**

Find more ways to give at
www.svdpli.org

A Lenten **Stimulus Project** at Mary Immaculate



Throughout the Lenten season, during which Catholics are asked to focus more intently on almsgiving, the Conference at Mary Immaculate Church in Bellport, along with Rev. Msgr. William Hanson (“Father Bill”) came up with a creative way for parishioners to give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Keying off of the stimulus checks that were distributed by the federal government throughout the COVID-19 crisis, the Conference launched their own Stimulus Project, encouraging churchgoers to personalize their donations by selecting from several categories of help the Conference provides to neighbors in need. Among them were rent/mortgage, electric/gas, appliances and emergency house repairs, car and medical insurance, and Wi-Fi and school supplies.

Through a combination of in-person masses, Zoom attendance and email blasts, the project was a tremendous success, and allowed the Conference to help a myriad of neighbors in need, including a

senior citizen, for whom they were able to purchase a new refrigerator, and a single mother, who they assisted with electric and Wi-Fi arrears to allow her children to continue their remote learning.

SVDPLI congratulates the Conference at Mary Immaculate for their ingenuity, and for expertly navigating the challenges of fundraising during the pandemic.

“Love is inventive to infinity” – St. Vincent de Paul



THE 13TH ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE POOR 5K WALK



□ The Journey of Hope Continues... □

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to join us to walk 3.1 miles or make a donation to help.

Saturday, September 25TH

Bethpage Community Park

Check-In: 9 AM Walk Start: 10 AM

To register or donate:

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A Triumphant Return to **'Driving' Out Poverty**



We could not have been blessed with a better day for our 17th Annual Golf Classic, held this year on Monday May 17th at the Huntington Country Club. While we were devastated that the global pandemic necessitated the cancellation of the 2020 event, we were thrilled to see attendees old and new join us as we returned to the green for the first time in two years!

That evening, we had the privilege of honoring Mutual of America as our "Business of the Year," whose regional office has supported the work of

the Society since 2006. Our "Volunteer of the Year" was John Gatto (St. Matthew's Conference-Dix Hills), who has been a Vincentian with the Society for over 40 years. **Overall, it was a beautiful day that raised more than \$85,000 for neighbors in need across Long Island.**

A tremendous thank you to Golf Chairman Marc Hiatriides for leading our committee through the challenges of the pandemic and to a successful event!

And a thank you to the following major sponsors:





(L to R): Mark Magliaro, Luke Magliaro, Mickey DeMarco, and Hon. Stephen A. Bucaria



(L to R): Golf Committee Chairman Marc Hiatrides, George Orefici, Frank Squirzzi, and James Phalen



(L to R): SVDPLI CEO & Executive Director Tom Abbate, Mutual of America Senior Vice President Brian Rooney, and SVDPLI CFO Barry Glaquinto.



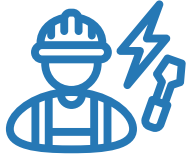
(L to R): Lorraine Gregory Communications CEO Greg Demetriou, Sales Director Peter Spalding, and Passionist Development Director Joe Geraci.



Family of John Gatto celebrates his award.



Board Member Richard Russell and his foursome.



A Bright Future for a Neighbor in Manhasset



High school graduation is typically a time of both celebration and anticipation, as young adults wait with bated breath to hear about their college prospects. However, for those in need, this can be a time of great uncertainty due to the financial constraints of higher education. Thanks to the generosity of our Vincentians at St. Mary's Conference in Manhasset, one young man is looking forward to an exciting new chapter in his life without the added worry of lingering student debt.

Peter*, a Manhasset resident and recent immigrant, was left orphaned at just 16 years of age after his mother, a single parent, passed away from cancer. He was taken in by his aunt, also a single mother with three young daughters, and enrolled in Manhasset High School, where he excelled academically and established himself as a well-regarded young man in his community.

However, without any economic resources or family with the means to assist, he faced dim prospects to advance his education without special assistance. His modest goal was to become a licensed electrician and enroll in a two-year program at a SUNY school to obtain an associate's degree in electrical studies.

Through their Mutare Vitam (Change A Life) program, the Vincentians at St. Mary's Conference were able to fund Peter's college tuition and board at a two-year state college. After his first year, he obtained a Green Card and became eligible for financial aid, thereby reducing the Conference assistance.

In May of 2021, Peter graduated, and has already scheduled a slew of interviews with prospective employees. The Manhasset community has now gained a newly minted electrician, and even more than that, a grateful individual who credits his opportunity to the generosity of the Mutare Vitam initiative.

St. Mary's ability to assist Peter highlights one of the SVDP's unofficial mottos: "no work of charity is foreign to the Society." Such flexibility allows our Vincentians to be "inventive to infinity" as they creatively determine how to assist neighbors in their communities, often finding solutions in unconventional approaches.

We congratulate Peter on his graduation, and wish him well in his "bright" new future as an electrician.

**Name changed for confidentiality*



Modernizing the SVDPLI Website

Over the past several months, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Long Island has had the astute privilege of working with Lorraine Gregory Communications on a total redesign of our organization's website. The sleek, new platform debuted in June of 2021, and details our mission, programs and events in a cleaner, more concise manner.

Exciting new features include:

- **Blog**- The new SVDPLI website will house the complete archive of Diocesan Spiritual Advisor Msgr. Ringenback's "Thursday's Thoughts," as well as articles from guest writers.
- **Stories of Hope**- We'll be keeping an updated catalogue of stories from neighbors in need who have benefited from our programs.
- **Vincentian Portal**- This password-protected section will serve a resource tool for our Vincentians, featuring program guidelines and applications, bulletins and reflections from the National Council.

Visit svdpli.org to discover the new site, and for access to the Vincentian Portal, contact **Tina Mesas at tmesas@svdpli.org**.



Planned Giving - The 1948 Legacy

"Society grows great when we plant trees in whose shade we know we will never sit."

-A Greek Proverb

This quote sums up the conviction of individuals that include philanthropic gifts in their estate planning. Planned gifts, such as bequests, are an incredible way to leave a gift with lasting impact. They are a way for anyone to leave a meaningful gift that they might not be able to do during their lifetime since those gifts are funded by their ordinary income.

At St. Vincent de Paul, we often receive a large bequest from someone who was a modest donor during their lifetime. You may be surprised that even the smallest of assets can be turned into a gift which will support the viability of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Long Island in perpetuity.

Recently, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul created the 1948 Legacy Society to acknowledge the in philanthropic intent of individuals who have made provisions in their estate plans for the Society.

There are numerous planned giving opportunities that can be employed consistent with your philanthropic goals and personal financial situation. These decisions should be made with the assistance of a financial advisor, accountant or an attorney.



Donations

Thank you to our ACT Monthly Donors

December 2020–April 2021

ACT - Affecting Change Together Program

The following individuals have made a commitment to give a scheduled amount to the Society monthly.

Joseph S. Berg
Anthony Tabone
John Kevin Mulvey
Kevin J. Kenny
Robert Meekins
Sue Koehler
William “Billy” Fowler

Thomas McCoy
Daniel Finch
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Paul McSloy
Brenda Mohlin

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Samuel Pellegrino
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Thank You to Our Donors & Supporters

December 2020–April 2021

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In Memoriam

In Memory of Vincentians

December 2020–April 2021

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Tom Farrell – Maria Regina, Seaford

William Hayden – Maria Regina, Seaford

Emily La Mantia – St. Vincent de Paul, Elmont

Judy Menachio – Our Lady Queen of Martyrs,
Centerport

Joseph Schutta – Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne

Louis Siciliano – St. Thomas the Apostle,
West Hempstead

Joan Bickard – St. Ignatius Loyola, Hicksville

In Memory of Our Generous Contributors

December 2020–April 2021

We express our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of the following people in whose memory the Society of St. Vincent de Paul received contributions.

Billy Joe

Christy Addamo

Nicholas Alessandrelli

Luis Alvarado

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 provided at our pantries



\$349,987
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 was provided to
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13,259
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 by our Vincentian
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