



Father Champlin's  
Guardian **ANGEL** Society  
wings for education

May the joy of Christmas be with you all through the year.

Dear Friends of Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society,

One of my favorite times of the year here at the Guardian Angel Society is when our elementary students at Cathedral Academy at Pompei help us create the Society's annual Christmas card and share their special talents with you, our generous supporters. This year's "Kid's with Wings" Christmas card was designed by 5th graders, Aroupiny Ater who designed the cover and Ines Muhorakeye who wrote the message. A special thank you to Father Dan Caruso, Pastor of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter's for selecting a scripture verse for the inside. We send you this gift as a token of our appreciation for supporting Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society and making it possible for these kids to receive the education that they deserve.



When you look at Aroupiny's artwork of the Shepherd looking up to the star and read the words of Ines inside the card, we hope it inspires you to look within your own heart as you travel through your daily life and encourages you to bring joy, happiness, and love everywhere you go this holiday season!

Because of you and all those who support the Guardian Angel Society, financially, as volunteers, or as mentors, I have been blessed to witness the lives of so many well-deserving children transformed. Thank you for making the difference in these kids' lives and allowing them to receive the gift of a quality education.

As you gather with family and friends, enjoy this special time of the year, pray for peace, and as Father Champlin would say, "May the miracle of Christmas be with you and all those you love!"

Warm Blessings,

*Kathy Fedrizzi*

Kathy Fedrizzi  
Executive Director

**P.S.** – If you wish to purchase additional packets of this year's or previous years Christmas cards, please call the office or visit our website at [GuardianAngelSoc.org](http://GuardianAngelSoc.org). Each packet of six cards and matching envelopes are available for only \$5.00, plus shipping.



**Stocking Stuffers & Gift Ideas** (proceeds support Father's kids)

- **Christmas at the Palace** tickets (*details inside*)
- Father Champlin's **Spiritual Suggestions** CD
- Guardian Angel Society **Cell Phone Charger Power Bank**
- **"Bending Towards The Light"** a Jazz Nativity tickets (*details on back cover*)
- Event tickets to new signature event, **"Kentucky Derby"** (*details inside*)

## NEW OFFICE LOCATION

### PHYSICAL ADDRESS

920 N. McBride Street  
Syracuse, NY 13208

### MAILING ADDRESS

259 E. Onondaga Street  
Syracuse, NY 13202

In August, the Guardian Angel Society moved from the Diocesan downtown campus, where we were located for twenty years, to the Our Lady of Pompei Convent. Directly across from Cathedral Academy at Pompei, our new location brings us closer to the students we serve and allows us to be a part of the community where many of our students and their families reside. We are sure Father Champlin would be happy we are close to the kids he loved so dearly. If you're interested in seeing our new location, feel free to give us a call. We would love to show you around!



## 14th Annual Golf Tournament NEW RECORD YEAR!

On a beautiful day in early August, 78 golfers came together at Radisson Greens to enjoy a day of golfing FORE Father's kids! This was the Guardian Angel Society's 14th Annual Golf Tournament and we are happy to report that this was our most successful year to date, with over \$17,000 raised to help our Guardian Angel Scholars get the education they deserve! There were several new foursomes in attendance this year, in addition to the familiar faces of long-time supporters. We are so thankful to MONEY Federal Credit Union and all of our wonderful sponsors, supporters, volunteers, and golfers who made this event such a joy!

## Circle of Friends ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."* – Nelson Mandela

Like Nelson Mandela, Father Joseph Champlin recognized the impact that education can have on a child's life. Your contribution to this year's Circle of Friends campaign helps support our dual mission of providing financial support for "Father's kids" as well as the mentoring and tutoring program that enables them to be successful students. Over the years, we have seen these children move not only from elementary school through high school, but also on to college and meaningful, rewarding employment. Your gift helps change the course of these young lives; they go on to change the world. Please help us continue Father's mission by joining our Circle of Friends.



**Hayes H. Wanamaker, MD**  
Board of Directors  
Chairman

### Upcoming Events

Ways you can continue  
to support Father's kids



Sunday • December 9th • 6pm  
The Palace Theatre  
2384 James St • Syracuse  
For tickets call 315-488-7611

*A portion of the proceeds benefit  
Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society*



A COMEDY SHOW TO BENEFIT  
FR. CHAMPLIN'S GUARDIAN ANGEL SOCIETY

APRIL 6TH, 2019 • 8PM • THE PALACE THEATRE

### Memorial Gifts

(donations received April 1 – October 15, 2018 in memory of)

Kerry Anne Young Allen	Asa Forsman	Suzanna Reagan
Joseph & Helen Ballway	Mr. & Mrs. Frank R. Garcia	Richard J. Sahn
William S. Bonner	Tom Geiss	Frances C. Shepherd
Eleanor Brissette	Fred Hagan	Regina Smith
Joseph Burkhart	Bill Johnson	Donna Tusio
Helen Catalino	Patricia Keogh	Sam & Jen Vercillo
Father Joseph Champlin	Anne LaCasse	Judge & Mrs. George Vinette
Katie Chanley	Jeanne McNamara	Elizabeth Bazydlo Wilkinson
Sr. Cecilia Connelly, DC	Margaret O'Brien	
Eleanor Dow	Edward J. Osada	
Mary Lou Flaherty	Sr. Agnes Poole, DC	

## Announcing New Signature Event

For the last 17 years, the Guardian Angel Society has enjoyed an amazing run with our signature affair, Sweet Cabaret. We are truly grateful to all the guests and collaborators who made Cabaret such a success and we look forward to having you all join us for our new event!

We are pleased to announce the largest **Kentucky Derby Party** that Syracuse has ever seen taking place at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown's Grand Ballroom on May 4, 2019 from 5:00-9:30 PM. Guests will be called to the post to view the race live and pick a pony while dressed in fancy hats and bowties. Along with a delicious buffet of Derby-themed food, we will also be featuring a whiskey and cigar bar to enjoy while listening and dancing to live music performed by the legendary band, Atlas. There will be

chances to win fabulous basket raffle prizes and attend after parties at the Hotel, as well as so much more!

The Guardian Angel staff and Planning Committee are excited to change up the Society's signature event while continuing to offer a fun-filled evening that our supporters are accustomed to. This endeavor will allow the Society to spread the message about its important work to a broader audience and tell more of the community about Father's kids!

So, save the date and stay tuned for all the official details, sponsorships, and VIP opportunities that will be available. This event will sell out and is not one to be missed!

**May 4, 2019**

Marriott Syracuse Downtown  
Grand Ballroom  
5-9:30 PM



### WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBER

The Guardian Angel Society is blessed to have found our new Administrative & Marketing Coordinator, Kaitlyn Justus Cogswell. Kaitlyn comes to us from Wells College where she was the Assistant Director of Admissions, focusing on recruitment and enrollment throughout the Central New York region. Her experience building relationships and working with high school students, their parents, and guidance counselors is a key asset to the Guardian Angel Society at a time when the Society is building our Mentor & Tutor Program and expanding our social media presence. Kaitlyn is passionate about giving our kids access to a quality education and has volunteered with multiple education-based nonprofits across the country since 2010. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies from Evangel University and a Master of Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School. A California native, she has enjoyed living in Syracuse for the past few years and getting acquainted with all of the people, sites, and history that make Upstate New York so special. Kaitlyn is married to Ryan Cogswell, the pastor of the Reformed Church of Syracuse on Teall Avenue.



### GUARDIAN ANGEL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are pleased to welcome new board member, **LouAnn Christo**, to a 3-year term on the Society's board of directors. She brings a wealth of experience in the not-for-profit sector, fund development, and public relations.

A communications professional and experienced coach, LouAnn runs Catalyst Coaching & Consulting. For the last year, she has been actively involved with volunteering in the Guardian Angel office and on the planning committee for Sweet Cabaret. Her leadership skills will be a great addition to our board.

Founding board member, **Kevin Magdon**, is now a Trustee, replacing Paul "P.J." Dolan, who filled this position for a number of years. Kevin has not only supported the Society as a board member, but has also directly assisted with coordinating and planning fundraising events and the overall marketing strategies of the organization.

**P.J. Dolan**, a founding board member, has been a longtime supporter and was instrumental in the creation of the Society's By-Laws. He played a key role in the formation of Legacy Giving, giving our donors an opportunity to make the Guardian Angel Society part of their estate planning.

Both Kevin and P.J. have played a large part in building the Guardian Angel Society, especially after the death of our founder, Father Joseph Champlin. We thank them both for their generous gifts of time, talent, and treasures.



**LouAnn Christo**

#### Board Officers

Dr. Hayes Wanamaker  
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Christine Woodcock Dettor  
*Vice Chairman*  
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James Kearns, *Secretary*

#### Board Members

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LouAnn Cristo  
Tamela Fabiano  
Michele Jones Galvin  
Melanie George  
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Lorna Oppedisano  
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Michele Sardinia  
Terence Wynne



## Mentor & Tutor Program Updates

The school year has begun and the Guardian Angel Society Mentor & Tutor Program continues to grow! This summer, we tried out a new focus on helping students prepare for their Regents Exams, which lead to great test taking confidence and success! We saw sharp improvements in their understanding of the material as well as their understanding of how to take these kinds of exams, skills that will last them far past high school.

Starting in November, in addition to the after-school program at Bishop Grimes, we are also beginning a new speaker series once a month during our scholars' lunchtime. This will be an opportunity for our kids to interact with leaders in the community, hear how they got to be where they are today, and ask valuable questions that may inform their own life journey. We are excited to continue to grow the Mentor & Tutor Program and are always on the lookout for new mentors and tutors who are willing to give their time to make a difference in the life of a child!



IN LOVING MEMORY OF MENTOR,  
**Henry "Hank" Gellert**  
FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE  
AND DEDICATION TO OUR JUNIOR/SENIOR  
HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS

## **GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Mentor & Tutor Program was near and dear to Father Champlin's heart and it was his wish that every one of his kids would receive the life-changing experience of having a mentor who cares about them and encourages them to succeed. Over the years, the program has grown organically in response to student needs, with new elements added as needs arose and capacity was available. This year, we are thankful to be receiving a grant from Berkshire Bank in order to invest further in formalizing the Mentor & Tutor Program and making sure that its quality is consistent and scalable before we seek to expand the program further. This grant will allow us to focus on providing our mentors and tutors with training and resources that grow their facilities with the kids and create a pattern for the onboarding of future mentors and tutors. A huge thank you to Berkshire Bank for giving us this opportunity and investing in our kids!

## LE MOYNE COLLEGE INTERN

We are pleased to welcome KC TenBroeck, a senior at LeMoynes College, as a Guardian Angel Intern for the Fall 2018 semester! KC is graduating this December with a major in Communications and a minor in English. She loves horseback riding, is passionate about writing, and is looking forward to pursuing a career in marketing or public relations. This semester, KC is learning the ins and outs of nonprofit work and helping prepare for our new signature Kentucky Derby event. She is a wonderful addition to our team!



## LEAVE A *Legacy of Love*

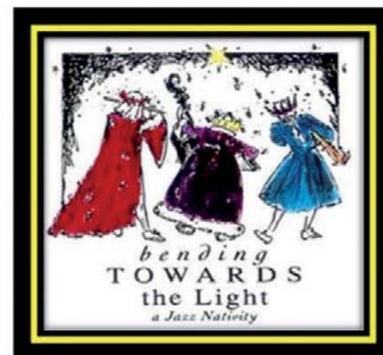
You have the opportunity to directly impact the lives of children in need and leave a legacy of love that you and your family can be most proud of.

To receive more information about Legacy Giving and accompanying legal services (including Wills, Trusts, beneficiary designations, or outright gifts) please call the Guardian Angel Society.

**315-422-7218**



Woodlawn  
CEMETERY  
IS PROUD TO PRESENT



**Wednesday, December 19th**  
at Our Lady of Pompei St. Peter church at 7:00 pm

Benefitting Cathedral Academy of Pompei  
For more information, call (315) 422-7163

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