

# Father Champlin's Guardian ANGEL Society

wings for education

Help build a path to success for Father's kids.

## The Most Important Thing – Mentorship



Lindsay Weichert & Julia O'Donnell, Vice Presidents of M&T Bank speaking to our scholars.

A few months before he passed away, Father Champlin called a small group of close advisors together and charged them with continuing to take care of his kids. He said that no matter what happened, the most important thing was to make sure that they received mentorship, guiding them with academic and social

support through high school graduation to break the cycle of poverty. We are proud to be continuing that legacy today through our Mentor & Tutor Program, Summer Program, and new this year, a Speaker Series!

Once a month, during our students' lunch hour at Bishop Grimes, we have invited community leaders from diverse fields to speak to our students about their career paths, life journeys, and keys to success. This has been a fantastic opportunity for our students to hear about career fields they may never have dreamed of and begin to build their professional networks. We want to thank all of the professionals who came to meet our students this year: Mike Cartini, a certified business adviser,

Shari Drace, Catering & Events Manager at the Hilton Syracuse



Doubletree, Brand Strategist Susie Ippolito, Julia O'Donnell & Lindsay Weichert, Vice Presidents of M&T Bank, Rev. Ryan Cogswell of the Reformed Church of Syracuse, and Tom King of King & King Architects. If you or someone you know is interested in mentoring our students or being a speaker in next year's Speaker Series, please call the Guardian Angel Office or fill out the online volunteer application; we would love to have you!



As we remember our fallen veterans with Memorial Day around the corner, the Guardian Angel team also remembers our Founder Father Joseph Champlin.

One endeavor we are continuing in Father's memory is offering a special gift of dinner to our supporters. The Society, once again, has partnered with Chef Chris Cesta of The Inn Between offering a fine dining experience by offering the "88 for 88" which in turn helps Father's kids. A win-win!

### PLEDGE FORM

- \$200:** (2) Dinner certificates for The Inn Between (value: \$88/each) with a choice of one promotional item\* from list below.
- \$125:** (1) Dinner certificate for The Inn Between (\$88 value) with a choice of one promotional item\* from list below.
- \$88:** (1) Dinner certificate for The Inn Between
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ An additional gift in honor of Father Champlin

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If giving dinner certificate(s) as gifts, please indicate recipient name(s):

To: \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* PROMOTIONAL ITEM CHOICE (please check):**

- Cell Phone Charger Portable Power Bank
- Father Champlin's "Spiritual Suggestions" CD
- Three packets of "kids with wings" Christmas Cards

(Please print clearly).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed. Make payable to: Guardian Angel Society

Charge my:  Visa  MasterCard  American Express  Discover

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Matching Gift Form enclosed.

Online donations at [GuardianAngelSoc.org](http://GuardianAngelSoc.org)

UPCOMING EVENTS  
**Save the dates!**

**New Signature Event:  
Kentucky Derby Party**

Saturday, May 4, 5-9:30 p.m.  
Grand Ballroom  
Marriott Syracuse Downtown  
Tickets \$95

Ads and sponsorships available now!

**Camillus Veterans  
Memorial Day  
Race & Parade**

Monday, May 27 • 9:30 a.m.

Village of Camillus

If you're interested in walking with the Society in the parade, please call the Guardian Angel Office.

*Honor, Celebrate, Renew*

**Mentor & Tutor Program  
Breakfast**

Featured Speaker –

**County Executive Ryan McMahon**

Wednesday, June 5, 7:30 a.m.  
Cathedral Academy at Pompei

Visit Cultural Fair immediately following the breakfast.

**Arts & Crafts Festival**

Friday – Sunday, July 26 – 28  
Columbus Circle, Syracuse  
(Guardian Angel Society booth on E. Onondaga St.)

15TH ANNUAL  
**Golf Tournament**



**Thursday, August 8**



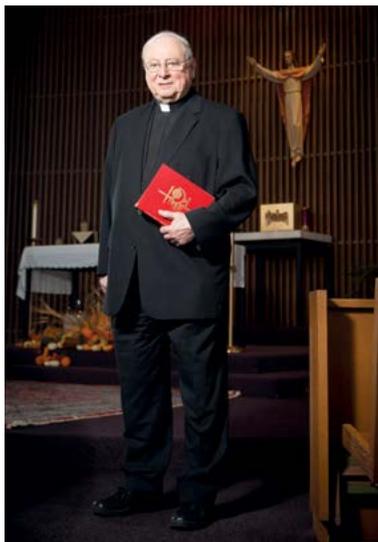
**Shot Gun start 10 a.m.  
Captain & Crew format**

Includes lunch, dinner, skins, and MORE!  
\$125 per golfer

Call to reserve your foursome

**315-422-7218**

Ask about sponsorship opportunities.



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
AUXILIARY BISHOP  
THOMAS J. COSTELLO**

Close friend of Father Champlin and the Guardian Angel Society  
Former Guardian Angel Society Trustee  
2012 Honorary Chair – Sweet Cabaret  
Previous Superintendent of Catholic Education

*A legacy that keeps on giving*

Bishop Costello's legacy will continue for years to come. His words of encouragement, his advocacy for education, his mentorship, guidance, and his support for Father Champlin and his Guardian Angel Society will always be remembered.

*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.



**CHRISTMAS AT THE  
PALACE A MAGICAL  
NIGHT OF MUSIC!**

There is no better way to get in the Christmas Spirit than with a night out at the Palace Theatre to the DeSantis Orchestra's annual Christmas at the Palace Show! Every year, Maria, the Orchestra, and featured performers arrange an incredible evening of heartfelt, moving, and joyous songs that create a sense of warmth and family among everyone in the audience. We are so grateful to Maria and the entire Orchestra for continuing to put on this beautiful event and for the partial proceeds that support both our Tuition Assistance and Mentor & Tutor Programs. We are blessed by their music, friendship, and support!



*Lauren and Judy Bott. Daughter and mother toasting Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society*

**THE LUCK OF THE IRISH  
SHINES DOWN UPON  
FATHER CHAMPLIN'S  
GUARDIAN ANGEL SOCIETY**

On Sunday, March 10th, the Guardian Angel Society hosted its third annual St. Patrick's Day Party at Westvale Golf Club in Camillus. We are proud to say that this was the best year yet, with a sold-out crowd of over 100 people in attendance, live music by Tommy Connors, fabulous basket raffles, and a fantastic feast of traditional Irish favorites! In total, over \$4,400 was raised to support the Society! Many, many thanks to our board member, Terry Wynne, who organizes this party each year and always outdoes himself, and thanks to all of our supporters who came out for a fun evening!

**NEW  
SIGNATURE  
EVENT IS  
SURE TO BE  
A WINNER!  
KENTUCKY  
DERBY PARTY**



The 145th running of the roses at Churchill Downs comes to life in Syracuse on May 4th, 2019 in the Grand Ballroom at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown from 5-9:30 pm. Guests will be called to the post to view the race live, dress up in fancy hats and bowties (optional), and dance the night away to the legendary band, Atlas! The event features a savory Derby-themed buffet, whiskey bar and mint juleps, fabulous basket raffles, pick-a-pony and best dressed/hat contests, along with a special hotel rate.

After 17 wonderful years of Sweet Cabaret, we are hopeful that this new signature event will continue for years to come! Ed Riley of the Marriott Syracuse Downtown (formerly Hotel

Syracuse) is this year's honorary chair and we are thankful to the Hotel for partnering with us to create a magical night for our guests. Already we have had many people who have never supported the Society before or been to one of our events purchase tickets and say they are excited both for a fun night and the opportunity to support Father's Kids! This will be a fantastic platform to share Father's vision with long-time supporters and new attendees. We are so excited to share his legacy with more of the community! Tickets are on sale now, \$95 per person or \$950 for a table of ten, and can be purchased on our website or by calling the Guardian Angel Office.

**MEMORIAL GIFTS**

Donations were received in remembrance of the following individuals between November 1–March 15.

We are grateful to the family and friends who honor their loved ones and in turn help make an impact on those in need.

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| Harry Barber              | Joseph J. Mack              |
| Ronald Bentz              | John & Nellie Miller        |
| John & Nellie Bourg       | Edward J. Osada             |
| Russell F. Burke          | Mrs. Faye Panasci           |
| Joseph Burkhart           | Mary & Ray Pawelec, Sr.     |
| Joseph P. Camerino, PhD   | Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pitonzo   |
| Mary Ann Carey            | Patti Hurley Preble,        |
| Charles Champlin          | Class of 1961               |
| Father Joseph Champlin    | Suzanne Martin Reagan       |
| Joseph Cimitile           | Kelly Seubert               |
| Margaret Clary            | Msgr. William J. Shannon    |
| James & Ethel Costello    | The Shields Family          |
| Carolyn Dell'uomo         | Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sindoni   |
| Marcia Derrico            | Bernard & Jean Slattery     |
| Alice McGraw DeTore       | Regina Smith                |
| The Dobe Family           | Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Spencer  |
| Donald A. Draveck         | David S. Suarez             |
| Francis & Marjorie Dupont | Estelle Suits               |
| Marie Herscha Esposito    | Thi Thi                     |
| Tom Geiss                 | Theresa Lee Towers          |
| Leo & Ida Greco           | Michael A. Trivision        |
| Charles & Vivian Griswold | Allen Truong                |
| Lawrence Hackett          | Vinh Truong                 |
| Cathy Hannon              | Sam & Jen Vercillo          |
| Peter J. Hart, Sr.        | Jack Walker                 |
| Bill Johnson              | The Walker Family           |
| Father Kilpatrick         | David "DJ" Werbeck          |
| Alfred Liberio            | T. Brendan Whelan           |
| Brenda E. Liberman        | Elizabeth Bazydlo Wilkinson |
| Richard J. Lyons          | Kerry Anne Young-Allen      |

**"CIRCLE OF FRIENDS"  
2018 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN**

For the ninth year in a row, our annual Circle of Friends Campaign continues to break records. Thanks to all our loyal supporters, we raised over \$50,000 for Father's Kids! Although Father Champlin passed away 11 years ago, it is clear that his vision for Syracuse is still alive as we continue to attract new supporters because of our strong and necessary mission. We are thrilled to be carrying on his legacy and continuing to share his message! The following contributors were among the supports to the 2018 campaign, having given \$250 or more at the following levels:

**PLATINUM**  
Anonymous

**DIAMOND**

- In Honor of the Buchanan Family
- Lynn & Steve Salatti
- Karen Tiff

**GOLD PREMIER**

- Len & Shirley Greco
- Ellen D. Hart
- John & Catherine Kane
- Michael & Michelle Paparo
- Hayes Wanamaker & Tammy Anthony

**GOLD**

- Anonymous
- Anonymous
- Randal Brink
- Catherine Cudworth
- Nancy Genung
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- Jim & Jody Kearns

- R. Daniel McCarthy
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**SILVER**

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- Susan & Ron Carr
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- Robert & Marcia Hunt
- Donald R. Parks
- Michael & Paula Patell
- William & Marianne Smith
- Arthur J. Vinette & Beverly A. Vinette, Class of 1960

**BRONZE**

- Anonymous
- Dorothy C. Benedict
- Dan & Theresa Brown
- Rosemary K. Carr
- Susan Champlin

- Joan & Armand Cincotta
- Peter & Elizabeth Costello
- Maxine Dobe
- Paul J. & Sharon C. Dolan
- Daniel & Myra Dombroski
- RitaAnn Downing
- Margaret Johnson
- Ali & Margery Keskin
- Katy Champlin Laundrie
- Patti O'Keefe & Tom Murray
- Tom & Pat Okoniewski
- Al & Joann Paparo
- Ronald Preble – In Memory of Patti Hurley Preble, Class of 1961
- Father John Putano
- J. Dennis & Arlene Ragan
- Jane Riffanacht
- Mr. & Mrs. John Sindoni
- Wayne & Kathleen Siver
- Laurence Smith
- Mary M. Vita, Class of 1957

# Congratulations seniors – destination graduation! *Building a Path to Success*



## **Athyang Aman – Bishop Ludden**

When she was very young, Athyang’s family came to America as refugees from Sudan. As she reflects back on her early life there, she remembers being so angry about the wars raging in Africa, but is motivated to make a change for the better. Remembering Father Champlin she said, “He was actually the kindest person

I’ve ever met. When I was angry and no one else knew because I was wearing a mask, he came up and asked how I was and gave me candy.” Her dream is to become a doctor and cure diseases, especially in Africa. In pursuit of that noble dream, she is heading to college next year and has been accepted to Syracuse University, Le Moyne, and College of St. Rose. We can’t wait to see where life takes Athyang as she continues to grow into the incredible young woman God created her to be!



## **Gop Arop – Bishop Grimes**

Gop is a man with singular ambition; he dreams of playing professional basketball and is doing everything he can to make that dream happen. He has played basketball since 6th grade and hopes that his life will “help others reach their goals.” Attending Cathedral Academy at Pompei and Bishop Grimes has

meant a lot to Gop over the years. He has “learned how to work hard in school and keep on top of [his] work,” and appreciates the closeness of the Catholic School community. Gop has been a regular attendee of our monthly Speaker Series and said that it has really given him a “glimpse of the real world,” allowing him and the other students to imagine new paths they may never have expected. We are so proud of Gop’s achievement of graduation!



## **Ater Ater – Bishop Grimes**

Many of our supporters are already familiar with Ater, who has volunteered at Guardian Angel fundraising events over the years. He is a sharp young man who is going places; he has already been accepted to three colleges and is planning to become a Nurse Practitioner.

Regarding his time at Cathedral Academy at Pompei and Bishop Grimes he said that he, “has been given an opportunity to learn a lot about [his] faith and grow into a better person,” and that “Father Champlin would tell stories that [they] could understand about God. He was a father figure for all of [them] and cared about the kids and wanted [them] to succeed.” Ater wanted to make sure that all of our donors know how grateful he is for your believing in him and the other Guardian Angel scholars; it’s made a real difference in his life.

## **Jel Longar – Bishop Grimes**

Jel is the rare student whose actions speak louder than his words. He is known throughout the Bishop Grimes community for his heart of gold, desire to know God, and tireless hard-work. For Jel, the ultimate goal in life is to have morals and be a good person, and everyone who knows him can see that he takes that goal seriously. After graduation, Jel wants to enter the residential real estate field and with his ability to understand both Dinka and Arabic, he will be well prepared to help all of Syracuse’s diverse residents find their perfect home. We hope that one day Jel will join the Society as a mentor and share his kindness and work ethic with the next generation of Guardian Angel scholars!



## **David Mo – Bishop Grimes**

Full of poise and self-confidence, David is a well-spoken young man who is ready to make his way in the world. After being involved with nearly every sport Bishop Grimes has to offer, he looks forward to majoring in sports management and potentially law and has been accepted to fantastic colleges including SUNY Potsdam, Utica, and Cazenovia. Like a number of our students, David was born in Sudan and came to America as a refugee. Unlike many of our students, his entire family is not here with him and his mother is still in Egypt. David’s greatest desire is to be reunited with his mother and bring her here to the States. He said that the Guardian Angel Society “gives kids the knowledge that people care about them and want them to succeed” and it’s true! We can’t wait to see him achieve everything he sets his mind to.



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This year’s Christmas card artists were Aroupiny Ater (5th Gr) and Ines Muhorakeye (6th Gr)

