

WE'RE THE GOOD NEWS!

April 2020

A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR
DEAR FRIENDS:

Do you believe in miracles? We at the Guardian Angel Society certainly do and we are witnessing them everyday. Even though we are living in unprecedented times, I am pleased to share that our small but mighty organization continues to do Father's work. This newsletter is full of miracles, good news, and hope - hope for our students, hope for our community, and ultimately, hope for our future.

All of us at the Society are praying for you, our loyal supporters, our students and families, and all those you hold dear. We as a Guardian Angel family are walking in faith. We know in our hearts that because of faithful followers like you, coupled with God's grace, anything is possible. We hope this letter brings you as much joy as it did us in preparing it. There are so many that have so little and so many of us that have so much. Thank you kindly for your continued support as we work together to bring light to the world one child at a time.

Gratefully Yours,



Sarah Jane Ioele, Director



Blessings from
THE INN BETWEEN

We recently spoke to Mr. Christopher Cesta, Chef/ Owner of the famous Inn Between Restaurant in Camillus, NY, about his memories of his dear friend Father Champlin. He said, "[He] was the most reverent person I have ever known. He was a dedicated servant of God and a true disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ. His mission of helping children with a spiritually enhanced Catholic education was important to us both." Years after Father had passed away, Chef Cesta loved hearing his calming voice on the radio on his drives home. "One of my favorite Spiritual Suggestions, and one I can still hear him saying, was 'He who conducts his affairs with humbleness and humility will be loved more than the giver of gifts.'"

For the 20th year, Chef Cesta is offering fine dining certificates to the supporters of Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society. This year, in honor of what would have been Father's 90th birthday, give a \$90 donation and receive a \$90 dinner certificate to the Inn Between! Every dinner certificate purchased supports both Father's kids and a wonderful local business. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Chef Cesta for continuing to sponsor this generous gift to the Society and for carrying on this beautiful tradition he and Father Champlin started together so many years ago.

We know many of you were not able to use your 2019 Inn Between dining certificates before the May 1st expiration due to the current crisis. The Inn Between has extended the expiration of 2019 certificates to July 31st, so you have a chance to enjoy them. You may also use your certificates for take-out until the dining rooms reopen.

THE INN BETWEEN CERTIFICATE ORDER FORM

Make checks payable to Guardian Angel Society or provide credit card info below:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Charge my: Visa Mastercard AMEX Discover

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ CVW Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Signature _____

- \$225: (2) Dinner Certificates for The Inn Between (value: \$90/each) with a choice of one promotional item* from list below.
- \$150: (1) Dinner Certificate for The Inn Between (\$90 value) with a choice of one promotional item* from list below.
- \$90: (1) Dinner Certificate for The Inn Between (\$90 value)
- \$_____ An additional gift in honor of Father Champlin's 90th Birthday

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

To: _____ From: _____

- *Promotional Items: Cell Phone Charger Portable Power Bank
 Spiritual Suggestions CD (3) packets of Christmas Cards



WE ARE PROUD OF OUR 7 SENIORS GRADUATING THIS SPRING!



Ajak Ater
Bishop Grimes 2020



Walter Johnson
Bishop Grimes 2020



Lora Marial
Bishop Grimes 2020



Adut Mo
Bishop Grimes 2020



Albright Salvano
Bishop Grimes 2020



Thienan Tran
CBA 2020



Harvey Wang
CBA 2020

SAVE THE DATES! UPCOMING EVENTS



DATE & LOCATION CHANGE!

Signature Event
KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

Saturday • September 5th, 2020

5-10 p.m.

Drumlins Country Club

Tickets - \$95 / Tables of 10 - \$950

Ads and Sponsorships Available!



16TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thursday • August 6th, 2020

Shot Gun: 10 a.m.

Radisson Greens

Captain & Crew format

Includes lunch, dinner, skins, and MORE!

\$125 per golfer / \$500 per foursome

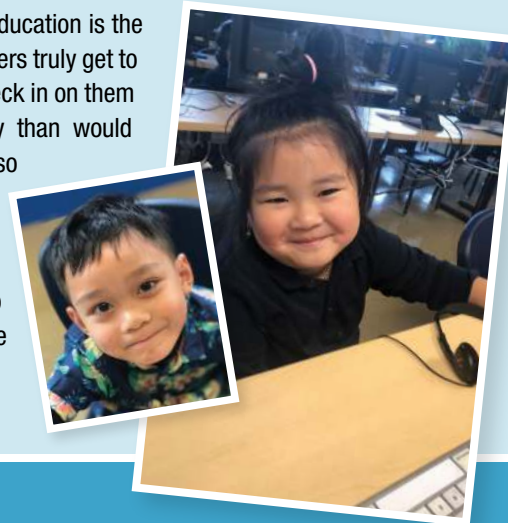
Ask about sponsorship opportunities!

OUR STUDENTS ARE SAFE, WELL, AND THRIVING!



Our students come from families that are working to create a better life for their kids. These are hard working people who know that Catholic education will unlock doors to opportunity and reinforce the values they teach at home. While our students have been learning from home, we have been checking in with the parents to make sure that everyone is doing well and are happy to report that our students are safe, healthy, and fed. From Tina Seymour, principal of Cathedral Academy at Pompei, and Father Caruso, rector of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter, we have reports that all of the kids are thriving in their virtual learning. Every teacher continues to lead the students in exciting activities that they can do at home. One of

the great benefits of Catholic education is the smaller class sizes, where teachers truly get to know their students and can check in on them in a much more personal way than would otherwise be possible. We are so grateful for the tireless staff of Bishop Grimes, Bishop Ludden, CBA, and Cathedral Academy at Pompei for continuing to go above and beyond to educate these students.



AN EASTER MIRACLE

During Holy Week, the Guardian Angel Society was blessed to receive a major gift of \$20,000 from Patricia & Christopher Parzych in memory of Deanna & John Rezak, our former executive director, Kathy Fedrizzi's, parents. This generous gift will help over a dozen students with tuition assistance for the upcoming school year. Words cannot express the gratitude we have to the Parzych family for their generosity. They truly delivered a miracle when one was needed, thank you for being such a blessing to so many.

2019 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

For the past 10 years, we have asked our loyal supporters to consider giving at a level significant to them. As a small grass-roots not-for-profit, we rely entirely on the generosity of individual donors and local companies to ensure that our students have the support they need to succeed. This year, the 10th anniversary of our Circle of Friends campaign, you helped us raise nearly \$60,000, a new record! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for giving so generously at a time it is greatly needed! The following contributors were among the supporters to the 2019 campaign, giving \$250 or more at the following levels:

PLATINUM
Dr. Joan LeBel
Anne & Larry Ryan

DIAMOND
Sandra Buchanan
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Daino
Len & Shirley Greco
John & Catherine Kane
Karen Tiff

GOLD PREMIER
Paul & Ro Brennan
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in Memory of Peter J. Hart Sr.
Michael & Michelle Paparo
Steve & Lynn Salatti

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Anonymous
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Mr. & Mrs. John Sindoni
Wayne & Kathleen Siver
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Suarez
in Memory of David S. Suarez
Vincenza Terrinoni
Mary M. Vita



WINTER FUNDRAISERS

While our students are dreaming about winter and spring breaks, both the winter and spring are seasons for fundraising events at the Society, ensuring that they can continue to attend their wonderful schools in the Fall! On February 21st, Bruno Schirripa hosted his annual Wise Guys Comedy Night at the Holiday Inn Electronics Parkway. It was a great "mid-winter comedy relief," featuring two comedians and hosted by the inimitable Bruno Schirripa. It was the largest show ever, with over 450 people, and \$5,900 was raised to support Father's kids! This amazing fundraising event is fully produced by Bruno and his Wise Guys team and is such a blessing to our cause, a huge round of applause goes out to their team for making this possible!

March 8th was our annual St. Patrick's Day Feast, sponsored by Geico Syracuse and special guest, Patrick Doyle, of Pleasant Valley Winery. Father Champlin's family used to own Pleasant Valley Winery and it was a real treat to hear Patrick share the winery's story. Every attendee was gifted a small bottle of champagne with the Guardian Angel logo. Raising over \$12,500 in its 4 year history, this annual corned beef feast continues to be a great opportunity to share the good work of the Society and a fun night out! A special thank you to our Board Member Terry Wynne who leads this event every year. Terry works tirelessly to make this a success and is his own special kind of Angel!

Decades of Giving CHIPS FOR FATHER'S KIDS

As we announced in the Christmas Newsletter, the Guardian Angel Society is being honored by Speach Family Candy Shoppe's 10 Decades of Giving celebration! "Chips for Father's Kids," a mix of delicious milk and dark chocolate covered potato chips, are available by calling the Shoppe at (315) 478-3100 and can be shipped worldwide or picked up at the Shoppe. We will receive the profits

from "Chips for Father's Kids" sales all year and partial proceeds from all of the Candy Shoppe's sales during the month of October! We are so grateful to Michael Speach and the Candy Shoppe for supporting local not-for-profit organizations, especially during this difficult time.



MEMORIAL GIFTS

Donations were received in memory of the following individuals between November 1 - April 1. We are grateful to the families and friends who honor their loved ones and in turn help make an impact on those in need.

Father Louis Aiello
All the Religious who Served/
Serve the Cathedral Parish
Harry Barber
Ronald Bentz
John & Nellie Bourg
Joseph Burkhart
Father Joseph Champlin
Margaret Clary
Bishop Thomas Costello
Father George Coyne, S.J.
J. Robert Cudworth
James & Margaret Cunningham
Mario DeSantis
An, Max, & Carl Dobe
Marie Herscha Esposito
Father John Finnegan
Tom Geiss
Paul Genecco
Michael Grassi
Leo & Ida Greco

Charles & Vivian Griswold
Lawrence Hackett
Carroll Jane Ioele
John, Nellie, Mattie, & Johanna
Bill Johnson
Kathleen Kane
Grete Kelsey
Joseph Kinney
Marjorie Mack
Gregg Martindale
Josephine McCabe
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John, Gail, & Catherine McSweeney
Margaret McSweeney
Mary C. O'Brien
Mary Pawelec
Ray Pawelec Sr.
Armand Phillips
John F. Pirong
Suzanna Martin Reagan
John & Deanna Rezak

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Regina Smith
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Thi Thi
Theresa Lee Towers
Philip A. Trela
Michael Trivison
Vinh Truong
Jen & Sam Vercillo
Laurie Ward
T. Brendan Whelan
Elizabeth
Bazydlo Wilkinson
Raymond J. Wynne
Kerry Anne Young-Allen

LEGACY GIVING

Leave a Legacy of Love

You have the opportunity to have a lasting impact on 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, and Outright Gifts) please call the Guardian Angel Society at **315.422.7218**.

A MUSICAL LEGEND & A LEGEND OF THE GUARDIAN ANGEL SOCIETY



IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR LONGTIME FRIEND, MARIO DESANTIS

Father Champlin had a great love for the arts and especially for music. In the 1990s, when Father was rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Mario DeSantis' quartet played at the masses and Mario and Father struck up a friendship that would last the rest of their lives. The DeSantis Orchestra played Christmas concerts at the Cathedral through the early 2000s. In addition to playing masses at Cathedral, Mario established the music program for parochial schools through the Syracuse Diocese and served as Music Director of the Pompeian Players.

In 2002, the Guardian Angel Society and the DeSantis Orchestra collaborated on the Society's first signature event, Sweet Cabaret, which raised over \$430,000 in the event's 17-year history. Mario was also the inspiration behind Christmas at the Palace, a holiday staple in the community that continues to this day, led by Mario's daughter, Maria, from which the Society receives partial proceeds.

On March 26, 2020, Mario DeSantis joined Father Champlin in heaven, leaving us with his wisdom and fond memories of his love and generous spirit. God bless him and the entire DeSantis family, the legacy of Mario's life and love of music will live on in our hearts forever.

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