

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

WE'RE THE GOOD NEWS!

November 2023

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE GUARDIAN ANGEL SOCIETY,

"Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home" (Edith Sitwell). Every year, we have a special tradition of inviting all K-6 scholars at the Cathedral Academy at Pompei to be creative and draw what Christmas means to them. Hailey Le, a 5th grader, created this year's card. When selecting the artwork, we looked at her lovely scene with teddy bears surrounded by a snowy background, and we thought of the quote above. This drawing truly depicts the warmth and comfort of Christmas. A special thank you to Father John Rose, who helped pick the bible verse for the card. As we look at the past year and the year ahead, we can only hope that you feel the comfort of Christmas.



Christmas is truly a time when we can slow down and enjoy the comforts that our life has to offer. This season, as we enjoy our families, good food, and life's other blessings, we also enjoy the gift all of you have brought to our students. That being the gift of education. We are beyond grateful to all of you for your continued support of the Guardian Angel Society. We simply could not provide the opportunities we offer, without all of you. Thank you for supporting Father's kids, year after year, and for ensuring that our scholars can feel the Christmas spirit all year round.

On behalf of all of us at the Guardian Angel Society, we wish you and all those you hold close, a beautiful Christmas filled with family, faith, and fun. May the blessings of the season and your kind of comfort and warmth be with you now and throughout the new year. God bless you with love, good health, peace, and abundance that only His Grace can provide.

Merry Christmas & Happy 2024.

The Guardian Angel Staff & Board of Directors

Father Champlin's
Guardian
ANGEL
Society
wings for education

Christmas List

GIFT IDEAS & STOCKING STUFFERS

To purchase, please call 315.422.7218
or visit GuardianAngelSoc.org.
Proceeds support Father's kids.

- ◆ \$93.00 Dinner Certificate for the Inn Between Restaurant
- ◆ "Kids with Wings" Christmas Cards
- ◆ Tickets to Guardian Angel Fundraising Events:
 - ◆ Christmas with the DeSantis Orchestra; December 10, 2023 at 5:00PM
 - ◆ St. Patrick's Day Feast; March 10, 2024
 - ◆ Kentucky Derby Gala; May 4, 2024

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- ◆ Guardian Angel Society Cell Phone Power Charger
- ◆ Guardian Angel Society Tote Bag

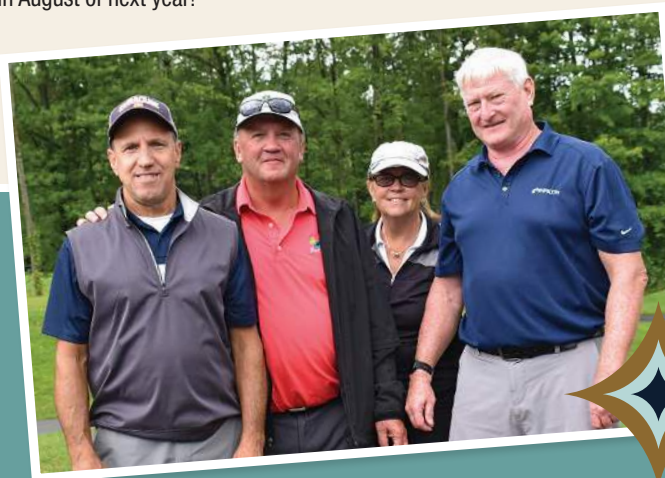


A HUGE SUCCESS!

19TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



On August 10th at Radisson Greens, golfers gathered on the green for a fun-filled day despite the rain, all for a wonderful cause. Everyone had a great time golfing and participating in contests. The tournament was successful, with over \$14,000 raised directly supporting tuition assistance, mentorship, and tutoring services for Father's kids. Since its creation in 2005, the golf tournament has raised over \$275,000 to help our scholars make it one step closer to destination graduation. Thank you again to our long-time supporters, new friends, and exceptional sponsors and volunteers who made this event a huge success! We are in the midst of planning our 20th anniversary golf tournament which will be in August of next year!



Guardian Angel Society Report Card

We are proud to announce that for the 2023-2024 school year, the Guardian Angel Society will be awarding \$85,000 to our scholars. This is spread across 41 Cathedral Academy at Pompei students and 30 students across Bishop Grimes, Bishop Ludden, and Christian Brother's Academy. Last year, our students graduated with a 100% graduation rate, with an 87 grade point average. Our students are thriving, thanks to your continued support!

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\$85K
AWARDED
DOLLARS

2023 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Each year at this time we reach out to you to ask for your support for our Circle of Friends campaign. Your special gift provides critical resources for our mission to continue Father Champlin's vision. For 26 years now, the Guardian Angel Society has provided tuition support for children to attend Cathedral School and now Cathedral Academy at Pompei. Scholars then continue onto one of our secondary schools. We also provide mentoring and tutoring to ensure their academic success. My family was honored to know Father Champlin, and answered his call to support "Father's kids," alongside so many other dedicated supporters like you.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, our dedicated staff, our volunteers, mentors and tutors, and most importantly, our students, I ask that you prayerfully consider joining our Circle of Friends with your generous support by calling our office at **315.422.7218**, or via our website at **www.GuardianAngelSoc.org**.

Thank you in advance for helping us continue Father Champlin's mission, and have a Blessed Holiday Season.

Hayes H. Wanamaker, MD
Chair, Board of Directors



JOIN OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

At the Guardian Angel Society, we are always looking for new people to share not only their treasures but their time and talents. If you are interested in volunteering with the Guardian Angel Society, there are many opportunities! One opportunity is to join our board of directors. We are looking for dedicated individuals with various backgrounds to help us support our scholars. Another opportunity is to join a committee. We have several you can choose from. Please reach out if you are interested or would like more information. Be part of Father Champlin's legacy!

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Donations were received between April 1st and October 25th in memory of the individuals listed below. We are grateful to the families and friends who honor their loved ones in this impactful way.

Kerry Anne Young Allen

Helen Ballway

Harry Barber

Robert & Rosalie Boulware

Ann Byrne

Father Champlin

Margaret R. Clancy

Arnold & Katharine Connor

Dobe Family

Dr. Daniel Dombroski

Tom Dugan

Marie Herscha Esposito

Thomas Evans

Patricia Fatti

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Gloria Miller

Mary & Joe Nico

George & Georgia Peluso

Mr. & Mrs. John B. Putnam

Bob & Julie Ringham

William Rosbrook

The Sada Family

Msgr. William J. Shannow

Pat Testa

Theresa Towers

Jen & Sam Vercello

Elizabeth Bazyolo Wilkinson

STARTING OFF ON A HIGH NOTE!

MENTOR & TUTOR PROGRAM



Once again, the Guardian Angel Society has partnered with Bishop Grimes Jr/Sr High School to present the "Speaker Series." Each month, we welcome a different speaker to share their personal success stories and information about their profession, allowing our scholars to learn about different career paths. In October, our Speaker Series program started the school year on a high note! Syracuse, New York-based Paul Davie, one of Central New York's most-traveled musician was our first guest. Paul took our students through his life's journey-graduating from Geneseo, raising a family, the places he had worked throughout his career, and his passion for music. His message was to follow your dreams and find something in life you truly enjoy. If your work is your passion, you'll never work a day. Paul explained that because he never gave up on his love for playing music, he's "the happiest he's ever been!" Never giving up on your dreams has allowed Paul to meet and work with some of his musical heroes he grew up listening to on the radio and experience performances as far away as Liverpool, UK, and a 3-week tour of Australia! Our speaker for November was Michelle Lester, Director of Business Strategies-FIDIR Financial Group-Equitable. In December, New York State Trooper Joshua Cox from Troop D in Oneida will join us, and Joan Dadey, a Founding Board Member of the Guardian Angel Society, an Assistant Professor at Crouse Hospital's Pomeroy College of Nursing will visit us in January. There are still spots available (February through May) if you'd like to be a speaker and share your success story with our scholars. If interested, please contact Jill Leo at jill@GuardianAngelSoc.org.



WANT TO BE A MENTOR or TUTOR?

The Guardian Angel Society is continually seeking mentors and tutors for our students. Take the first step to becoming a mentor or tutor and complete the Volunteer Application on our website. After completing the application, Jill Leo, Program & Development Coordinator, will contact you and guide you on the next steps, along with matching you with one of our students. Teachers help with this process as well to be sure the match is a perfect fit for both mentor and student. Please visit www.GuardianAngelSoc.org for the application!

Norma Mahnken, a long-time member of our Guardian Angel family, tutored two of our Bishop Grimes Guardian Angel students over the summer to prepare them for the Geometry Regents, which was scheduled in August. Thank you, Norma, for being someone we can count on and for your dedication to helping our students succeed.

We'd like to welcome the newest member of our Mentor Program, Barry Cronin. Barry comes to us through one of our board members, Terry Wynne. Barry will be available to mentor in Algebra and Earth Science. We are so thankful to have Barry join our team.

In Loving Memory of Patricia Fatti

Our dear friend, Pat Fatti, who passed away in June, was a woman of great faith, spending much of her time giving back to the local community. These volunteer efforts also included Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society and St. Joseph's Church in Camillus, where she was a communicant and where she and her husband, Frank, met Father Champlin. Aside from her volunteering in the office at the Society, Pat and her family have been long-time supporters of Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society's efforts. We will be forever grateful for all she has done, and she will be sorely missed. Our gratitude to Pat and her family for designating the Society for donations in her memory.

SAVE THE DATES! UPCOMING EVENTS

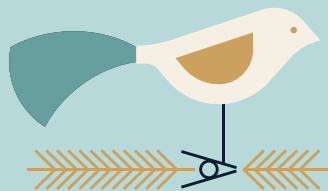
We are excited to offer some wonderful events this winter to support Father's kids, including Christmas with the DeSantis Orchestra, and a St. Patrick's Day Feast with takeout available. We are also proud to host our 4th Annual Kentucky Derby Party! Stay tuned on our website and social media pages for further information and save dates!

Leave a Legacy of Love

LEGACY GIVING

You have the opportunity to have a lasting impact on the lives of children in need, all while leaving a legacy of love that you and your family can be most proud of!

Create this legacy gift through a bequest in a will or living trust, a charitable gift annuity, or designation as a beneficiary of a retirement plan or life insurance policy. If you have included the Guardian Angel Society in your estate, please let us know. Need more information, please call our office at **315.422.7218**.



THE DeSANTIS ORCHESTRA
CHRISTMAS LANDMARK
A JOYFUL CELEBRATION OF HOLIDAY FAVORITES!

SUNDAY, DEC 10 AT 5PM
LANDMARK THEATRE
382 SOUTH SALINA STREET
SYRACUSE, NY 13202

TICKETS STARTING AT 38.00
BEST VALUE! BOX OFFICE • 315-475-7979
OR
TICKETMASTER.COM SOME FEES APPLY

PARTIAL PROCEEDS BENEFITTING **Guardian ANGEL Society**
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Happy St. Patrick's Day!
JOIN US FOR OUR 8TH ANNUAL
ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER!
MARCH 10, 2024 4PM- 7PM.
LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE.

Contact our office at 315-422-7218 or visit us at
guardianangelsoc.org for more information.

KENTUCKY DERBY Party

May 4th, 2024
Marriott Syracuse Downtown • Grand Ballroom • 5-10 PM

Watch the Derby Live • Music by Atlas

Derby Themed Buffet • Whiskey Bar & Mint Juleps
Fabulous Basket Raffles • Pick-a-Pony Contest
Best Dressed/Hat Contest • Special Hotel Rate

- \$95 per person -
For reservations, sponsorships and advertising opportunities call or visit:
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A Special Event Benefitting
Father Christmas's
Guardian **ANGEL** Society
wings for education

JOE SCARFINO

LEMOYNE WORK-STUDY PROGRAM

Over the years, we have been blessed to welcome to our team several talented LeMoyne College students through LeMoyne's wonderful community-based work-study program. This year, we are pleased to introduce you to Joe Scarfino, a sophomore marketing major. Joe is passionate to learn about our society and everything it has to offer. Joe is also a Bishop Grimes and Cathedral Academy at Pompei Alum! He will be assisting our staff with everything from operations to social media, and we are sure that he is up for the challenge! Already, he has made himself indispensable, and we hope that he will be a part of the Guardian Angel Team for years to come.



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