

WISHING YOU A SEASON OF BLESSINGS!



Dear Friends of Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society,

As our annual tradition, I am pleased to enclose with this year's Christmas newsletter a packet of our 19th annual "Kids with Wings" Christmas cards. This token of appreciation is our way, on behalf of Father's kids and the Guardian Angel Society, to say thank you for your support of our efforts and to add some holiday joy.

During these worrisome times, we hope that this year's card will give you, and others who receive one of these inspiring cards, great reassurance of "Peace, Joy and Love." This year's card represents the combined artistic talents of three Cathedral Academy at Pompei students – 5th graders, Aluel Lual and Achan Amal, and 3rd grader, Quinton Hackett. Each of these students took the time to depict what Christmas means to them.

To continue on this bright note, we are extremely excited for the upcoming celebrate calendar year, as 2017 marks 20 years of Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society. You have been a part of this milestone, and for that we thank you and invite you to celebrate with us. Together, living vicariously through Father Champlin's vision, we have helped an entire generation of Father's kids. We have so much to be thankful for at the Society, and I hope as you read this newsletter and all of the good work being accomplished, you will be moved to continue your heartwarming support of the Guardian Angel story.

May Father Champlin's words continue to resonate – May God give you and all those you love many blessings during the Christmas season.

Gratefully yours,

Kathy Fedrizzi **Executive Director**

P.S. – If you wish to purchase additional packets of this year's or previous year's Christmas cards, please call the office or visit GuardianAngelSoc.org/waystogive. Each packet of six cards and matching envelopes are available for only \$3.00, plus shipping.





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

- ° Event tickets: Sweet Cabaret Celebrate 20 ° Father Champlin's CD: "Spiritual or Christmas at the Palace
- ° Father Champlin's Books: The Catholic Perspective on the Purpose Driven Life or Day by Day with St. Joseph (Father's last book)
- Suggestions"
- ° 80 for 80 Inn Between Restaurant dinner gift certificate
- ° Guardian Angel Society T-Shirt or 12-pack cooler

Memorial Gifts

(donations received April 1 – October 31, 2016 in memory of)

October 31, 2016 in memor Ronald Bentz Mary Catalino Sharon Catalino Father Joseph Champlin Joanne Clark Kathleen Closter Rose DiCaprio Donald A. Draveck Herm Fedrizzi John Hallihan, Cathedral Class of 1943 Bill Johnson Paul Kline

Allen LeBel
Pino Marzocchi
Judy Morgillo
Mary Lou Piccolino O'Brien
Santo & Francesca Piraino
Suzanne Martin Reagan,
Cathedral Class of 1956
Mackenzie Ruston
James Schug
Regina Smith

Thi Thi
Vinh Truong
Sam & Jen Vercillo
Elizabeth Bazydlo Wilkinson
Kerry Anne Young-Allen







Golf Tournament Results

This year's golf tournament on August 9th raised over \$15,000 for the Guardian Angel Society. Although we did not have anyone win the Dodge Charger, sponsored by Summit Dodge RAM, a fun day was had by all. Our gratitude to MONEY Federal Credit Union for being our presenting sponsor and taking the lead of this event for the past 12 years.

SEE YOU IN AUGUST 2017!

Circle of Friends

Since the formation of Circle of Friends in 2010, this annual campaign has raised close to \$150,000 to date. These funds have been key to helping us carry out the Society's mission. Our base of loyal supporters continues to grow, and we appeal to you to be part of this most needed campaign. Our sincere thanks to Jim Battaglia, former board member and this year's campaign chair for taking the lead.



Why is Circle of Friends important? "A chance at a good education beginning in one's early years is something that I firmly believe in, having had that opportunity myself as a child in New York City. I attended a Catholic school because the public schools in my area were not the best. I was taught well (sometimes very sternly!) and was well-prepared for high school and university. Cathedral Academy at Pompei, along with the local Catholic junior/senior high schools, is serving that need in our community, giving these children a chance to reach their potential and become the persons God meant them to be." – Olga LaTessa, former board member and long time supporter

UPCOMING EVENTS – WAYS YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT FATHER'S KIDS





Welcome and Thank You Board Members!

The Society is fortunate to have a diverse, dedicated and talented Board of Directors. At the final meeting of the fiscal year, the Board welcomed five new board members and said goodbye to two esteemed board members who have played a very active role in the Society's success over the years.

We wish to thank **LeeAnn Kline** who served as one of the founding Advisory Board members that Father Champlin hand picked, chairman of the board (2011-2013) and a past chair of Sweet Cabaret (2008). She served as a board member for six years. Another valued board member, the **Honorable Stephen Dougherty** joined the Advisory Committee in January 2010 and when the formal board of directors was established in May of 2010, Steve served as Vice Chairman for two consecutive terms and participated on internal committees. We are grateful for their time and talents they brought to the organization.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Tamela Fabiano Investment Advisor Representative, Primerica-PFS Investments Inc.



Melanie George Credit Risk Management & Advisory Associate, Goldman Sachs



Kevin MagdonManager of
Worldwide
Business Travel
Sales, DoubleTree
by Hilton



Mandie Rossignol Senior Administrative Team Leader, King & King Architects



Terence WynneCorporate Communications
Consultant,
Wynne Communications

GUARDIAN ANGEL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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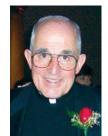
Mandie Rossignol Michele Sardinia Terence Wynne



Saturday ♥ February 11, 2017
Marriott Syracuse Downtown (formerly Hotel Syracuse)

Sweet Cabaret 2017 Preview

celebrate 20



After the passing of our beloved founder, Father Joseph Champlin, in 2008, his Guardian Angel Society came to a pivotal crossroads. However, with little surprise to those that knew of his impact, people emerged from far and wide to support the common cause of keeping Father's dream alive. Now, as we celebrate the Society's 20th anniversary, we look back fondly on all who have made this possible.

In order to commemorate twenty years of teamwork, generosity, and community, our 16th annual "Sweet Cabaret" will be dedicated to "Celebrating 20!" Here, we will

thank all of those who have worked tirelessly to accomplish our mission, and most importantly, to honor the entire generation of children and families who have been able to build a path to success, breaking the cycle of poverty.

Each member of our loyal community is a part of this magical story, and we cannot wait to recount many little anecdotes throughout the evening! On Saturday, February 11, 2017 at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown (formerly Hotel Syracuse,) we would love for you, a pivotal member of our continued success, to join us in celebrating all that we have accomplished together! For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact the office at (315) 422-7218 or visit GuardianAngelSoc.org.





Spotlight - Catherine Ranieri

"As we complete the 5th year of the expansion of the Mentor & Tutor Program, we recognize, in a special way, the program's success. As a result of the program, we now can ensure successful high school graduation for all of our students. We are grateful to our parents, students, and our school partners, CAP, Bishop Grimes, Bishop Ludden and CBA. We must also thank our community collaborators, individuals, and organizations alike, who have supported us with grant awards as well as program support. In commending this program's success and sustainability, we recognize with thanks and praise, the ongoing commitment of our Guardian Angel volunteer mentors and tutors, many of whom have remained steadfast in a 5 year commitment. They are the true embodiment of Father Champlin's mission of love and dedication to the educational success of our students. As the coordinator of this program for the past five years, I am grateful to have been given the opportunity to have so many wonderful "Guardian Angels" on this journey with me. I feel blessed to have this ongoing support and collaboration, as we prepare to continue the legacy of providing academic support for Father's kids."

Catherine Ranieri is currently focusing on grants, 2017 Summer Program, and a new start up program at Bishop Ludden.



Beaver Lake field trip

On August 9, after having studied ecosystems and the environment, students from our Summer Program took a field trip to Beaver Lake Nature Center in Baldwinsville!



SU Intern

The Guardian Angel Society is happy to welcome our newest Grant and Research Analyst, Veronica McCarthy, for the Fall 2016 Semester. Veronica is a senior Policy Studies and Writing major at Syracuse University, with a minor in Communication and Rhetorical Studies. Throughout her internship, Veronica will be conducting grant source research and submitting a full grant proposal for the mentor summer program. She will do so under the supervision of Education Program Coordinator, Catherine Ranieri and Executive Director, Kathy Fedrizzi.

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.

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