



Father Champlin's Guardian **ANGEL** Society

wings for education

MAY THE KINDNESS OF CHRISTMAS BE WITH YOU ALL THROUGH THE YEAR.

Dear Friends of Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society,

As I sit here at my office and think back two decades when this annual Christmas Card concept was created with the children's participation, our goal was to simply show our appreciation to all the members who supported the launching of Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society. I remember Father and I in awe of the unexpected enormous response and how it warmed our hearts. Father commented, "A spirit of Christmas giving surely manifested itself." That encouragement has stuck with me 20 years later.

Once again, we have enclosed with this year's Christmas newsletter your packet of the 20th annual "Kids with

Wings" Christmas cards. I can't express enough the appreciation for your part of bringing the Guardian Angel Society's 20th anniversary to fruition. During this time of giving, I came across a quote from one of Father Champlin's *Spiritual Suggestions* on 'Giving' – "By giving of ourselves to others, we may be giving them an opportunity to give as well." As I read and reflected on these words, it certainly is relevant to the generation of kids the Society has supported and has manifested on to the next generation.

As we approach the 10th anniversary of Father Champlin's passing in January, his presence is still felt and is inspiring us a decade later. Our dedicated board of directors, mentors & tutors, donors and volunteers fill our efforts with joy as we continue to make a difference in some deserving children's lives. This is the greatest gift we all can receive during the holidays.

May you and your family have a Merry Christmas, good health and many blessings as we approach the New Year.

Gratefully yours,

Kathy Fedrizzi

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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 GuardianAngelSoc.org. Each packet of six cards and matching envelopes are available for only \$3.00, plus shipping.



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

- **Father Champlin book** – [A Catholic Perspective on The Purpose Driven Life](#)
- Father Champlin's *Spiritual Suggestions* CD
- Guardian Angel Society "**Celebrate 20**" t-shirt or Society 12-pack cooler
- Event tickets to **Sweet Cabaret** honoring Father Champlin (*details inside*)
- **Christmas at the Palace** tickets (*details inside*)



SAVE THE DATE
14TH ANNUAL
Golf
TOURNAMENT
MONEY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
Thursday
August 10, 2018

Golf Tournament Recap

This year we were so fortunate to have great weather, a nice turnout, and many fun filled activities. Golfers enjoyed playing at the beautiful Radisson Greens course while over \$14,000 was raised. We are proud to report over the last 13 years we have raised over \$160,000 in collaboration with MONEY Federal Credit Union. This is a huge compliment to the dedication of all those who have participated over the years to this significant accomplishment. This level of success could not have happened without the great team of staff members, volunteers, golfers, and supporters!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ways you can continue
to support Father's Kids



Sunday, December 10th at 6pm

The Palace Theatre
2384 James St • Syracuse
Tickets \$28

online desantisorchestra.com or call 488-7611

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

BRUNO PRESENTS



APRIL 14, 2018
THE PALACE THEATER

TO BENEFIT FATHER CHAMPLIN'S
GUARDIAN ANGEL SOCIETY

*"That's
not a
joke!"*

Circle of Friends ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

"A Child without education is like a bird without wings." – Tibetan Proverb



Sarah Ioele
2017 Campaign
Chair

What greater gift could one give than to educate a child, to be a catalyst for changing how they view the world and their place in it? We are so blessed at the Guardian Angel Society to keep Father Champlin's dream alive of providing an education and foundation to at-risk children. As we approach our season of giving, we ask you to please look into your heart and give generously to this year's Circle of Friends campaign. Intelligence plus character is the true goal of education and thanks to supporters and donors like you we will be able to continue to give the gift of wings and make the world a better place one child at a time. Thank you and God bless you.

Memorial Gifts

(donations received April 1 – October 31, 2017 in memory of)

Jean Baker
Harry Barber
Elizabeth Bazydlo
Wilkinson
Ronald W. Bentz
Robert L. Boulware
Jeannine Boyce
Joseph Burkhart
Cathedral Class of 1958
Cathedral Class of 1963
Charles Champlin
Father Joseph Champlin
Margaret Clary
Sister Cecilia
Connelly, D.C.

Bernard Corbishley, Sr.
Donald A. Draveck
William Drescher
Thomas Fox
Paul Genecco
Cathy Hannon
Marie Herscha Esposito
Bill Johnson
John Joyce
Keith Krause
Richard J. Lyons
Jeanne McNamara
David Morgillo
Sister Agnes Poole, D.C.
Priddle, Burke Families

John V. Rezak
James Schug
Frances C. Shepherd
Regina Smith
Theodore Smith
Thi Thi
Theresa Lee Towers
Vinh Truong
Sam & Jen Vercillo
Judge & Mrs. George H.
Vinette
John P. White
Mary M. Woyciesjes
Kerry Anne
Young-Allen

Our apologies for inadvertently not including Sister Cecilia Connelly, DC on the Memorial Listing in the Spring 2017 newsletter.

Thank You for Serving



On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and students, we would like to extend a special thank you to **Catherine**

Ranieri for serving as the Mentor & Tutor Program Coordinator, grant writer, and former board member. Catherine was instrumental in expanding the Mentor & Tutor Program to the junior/senior high schools and the start-up of the Summer Program housed at St. Vincent's for our Guardian Angel scholars. She laid a solid foundation for the Society's program. We wish her well in her personal endeavors and are happy to know she is only a phone call away.

GUARDIAN ANGEL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Guardian Angel Society is pleased to welcome two new board members, Lorna Oppedisano and Philip LaTessa. They both bring their own unique talents and gifts to this diverse and talented board. The Society is fortunate to continue to be able to attract community leaders.

In addition, at the September board meeting, a slate of officers was elected to fulfill the Executive team. Congratulations to: Dr. Hayes Wanamaker, Chairman, Christine Woodcock-Dettor, Vice Chair, Michael Paparo, Treasurer, James Kearns, Secretary.



Lorna Oppedisano
Managing Editor
Syracuse Woman
Magazine



Philip LaTessa
Self Employed/
Financial Services

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Mandie Rossignol
Michele Sardinia
Terence Wynne

DINING | DANCING | DESSERTS

Sweet CABARET



HONORING
FATHER JOSEPH CHAMPLIN
STILL INSPIRING A DECADE LATER
1930-2008



Saturday
February 10
2018

Marriott Syracuse Downtown
(formerly Hotel Syracuse)

DINING & DESSERTS

Take in the magnificent restored historic hotel.
Enjoy a delicious buffet featuring plenty
of local favorites, decadent desserts and
two complimentary bottles of wine per table.

DANCE DANCE DANCE!

The spectacular DeSantis Orchestra Dance Mix!
Keith Condon, Gary Branch,
Isreal Hagan, Joe Whiting,
Maria DeSantis,
Michael Ranalli



~ \$95 per person ~



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SPOTLIGHT ON

Tamela Fabiano: Mentor & Tutor Coordinator at Bishop Grimes

Our after school mentoring program started strong the first week of school in September 2017.

Our students have been studying about what it takes to be a prepared, successful student from day one. Planning and practicing simple study habits daily have worked. Being aware and putting these lessons

into practice have brought our students success this first marking period. Father would be proud of the start to this school year.

Once the year started, we came to the realization that there are students now at Bishop Grimes who have never actually met Father Champlin. In fact, Melanie George, current board member and former Guardian Angel scholar, will share her personal experiences with Father Champlin at the after-school program this month.

As a consequence, we talk much about Father to keep his legacy alive. Mentors and students describe what it was like to know Father Champlin and about their experiences with him.



Together, we have studied from one of Father Champlin's favorite leaders: Coach John Wooden – the most successful Basketball Coach in NCAA history leading the UCLA Bruins to victory.

Father often quoted John Wooden in his homilies as he lead a life of integrity and honor – Coach modeled how to build relationships and the value of life long learning. He developed a "Pyramid of Success."

He created it as a tool to organize and impart his vast amount of personal wisdom in a Game Plan for Life to teach to his students and players. We study Coach's philosophy and use it daily.

We will continue to study the lessons in the "Pyramid of Success." We will continue to see Father Champlin's vision through our mentors. And by design, our students will hear Father's kind words of wisdom, feel Father's warmth and encouragement and will see Father Champlin's smile in a gift of candy. The best is yet to come!



LE MOYNE COLLEGE WORK-STUDY STUDENT

Angelica Clements started at the Guardian Angel Society office the 2nd semester of her sophomore year this past January. We are happy to have her back with us in her junior year as she continues her studies as a history major. Our collaboration with the Le Moyne Work-Study Program continues to be a win-win for both the Society and the Le Moyne student. Angelica's help with administrative tasks and the major scanning project the Society has embarked upon has been a tremendous asset to the organization. All our hard copy files are being transferred to digital allowing us easy access to them as well as saving office space.

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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