

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

WE'RE THE GOOD NEWS!

Father Champlin's
Guardian
ANGEL
Society
wings for education

November 2019

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE GUARDIAN ANGEL SOCIETY,

For 22 years, the annual "Kids with Wings" Christmas card has been a tradition that brings joy to our hearts and reminds us that there is more to Christmas than parties, decorations, and presents. As we approach the busy holiday season, this year's card beautifully invites us to see Christmas through the eyes of a child: happy, holy, calm, and bright. It was designed by Susan, a fifth grader at the very diverse Cathedral Academy at Pompei School, and what a gift it is to see what Christmas means to her! In Matthew 18:3, Jesus says, "...Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Children can be our greatest teachers, so let us become like Father's kids, full of peace and light.



Father Champlin believed that investing in our children is one of the most important ways to ensure a brighter future and bring hope to our community. Carrying on his legacy of educating one child at a time would not be possible without faithful supporters, volunteers, and donors like you. Thank you sincerely for investing in our students, for by so doing you are bringing the light, love, and peace the world so greatly needs.

As you joyfully begin to prepare for this holiday season and gather with those you hold dear, may you do so with the heart and mind of a child. May you laugh more, love much, and may God bless you with the divine peace that only His grace can provide!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Sarah Jane Ioele

Director of Community Relations & Development

Christmas List

STOCKING STUFFERS & GIFT IDEAS

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

- ✓ "Kids with Wings" Christmas Cards
- ✓ Tickets to a Guardian Angel Fundraising Event:
 - Christmas at the Palace
 - Wise Guys
 - St. Patrick's Day Feast
 - or the Kentucky Derby Party!*details on back cover*
- ✓ 88 for 88 Dinner Certificate for the Inn Between Restaurant
- ✓ Father Champlin's "Spiritual Suggestions" CD
- ✓ Guardian Angel Society "Power Banks"



15TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

NEW RECORD YEAR!

Fifteen years ago, Bruce LaGrow presented Father Champlin with the idea for a golf tournament to benefit the Guardian Angel Society. Who doesn't like to golf and give back at the same time? What started as a great idea for a fun and fruitful fundraiser has blossomed into an annual event that brings together an incredible community of golfers around our great cause! Held at Radisson Greens, our special 15th anniversary tournament included 84 golfers and raised over \$19,000 toward tuition assistance, mentorship, and tutoring for at-risk kids, the most we've ever raised in a single tournament!

Everyone was in high spirits and it was truly a special year. One skilled golfer even made a hole-in-one; the first ever in the 15 years of this tournament!

Since its inception, this golf tournament has raised over \$200,000! All of which has gone toward making a difference in the lives of children in our community. Save the date for August 6th, 2020!

LEMOYNE COLLEGE WORK-STUDY STUDENT

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 **McKenzie Gamache**, a freshman Political Science/History double major. McKenzie is passionate about her Catholic faith and has a huge heart for the children that we serve. She will be assisting our staff with everything from operations to social media and we are sure that she is up for the challenge! Already, she has made herself indispensable and we hope that she will be a part of the Guardian Angel Team for years to come.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

LouAnn Christo, Chairman, Circle of Friends Committee

Father Joseph Champlin over 21 years ago set up the Guardian Angel Society to invest in our greatest natural resource – children. He believed that a way to stop the cycle of poverty was to help children get a quality faith-based education, instill a strong set of values from kindergarten to graduating high school, and provide mentor relationships so that they would enjoy academic and social success in life. By investing in our children, we are investing and insuring our future.



Please support our Circle of Friends Annual Giving Campaign and Father's mission. Mother Teresa said, "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples." It is our goal that this year we can create a wave of positive change and hope. Thank you so very much for your help and generous support. May God bless you with His Grace during this holiday season.

"Our greatest natural resource is the minds of our children" - Walter Elias Disney

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NEW SIGNATURE EVENT

We are happy to report that Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society's first annual Kentucky Derby Party was a smashing success! Over 275 guests gathered in the Grand Ballroom of the Marriott Syracuse Downtown for an evening of fun for a great cause, raising over \$37,000 towards breaking the cycle of poverty through access to quality education.

For this first year of our new signature event, we introduced several new elements, including a Pick-a-Pony contest, a Whiskey Bar courtesy of 10th Mountain Whiskey & Spirits, a Step-and-Repeat Photo Op, the legendary band Atlas, Best Dressed contests, and watching the Run for the Roses live in the ballroom! All of this was in addition to the fabulous basket raffles, dancing, and moving cause that our supporters have come to love and expect over the years.

By far the most memorable moment of the night was when one of our Guardian Angel scholars, Athyang Aman, a 2019 graduate of Bishop Ludden and current freshman at Syracuse University, shared about her life experience and the difference that Father Champlin and the Guardian Angel Society have made for her. As she received a standing ovation, the reason that we put on this event became crystal clear: our fundraising endeavors open doors for students like Athyang to succeed. We are so excited to see where her quality education will take her!

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Donations Received April 1 -
October 15, 2019 In Memory Of

Harry Barber
Josephine Benedetto
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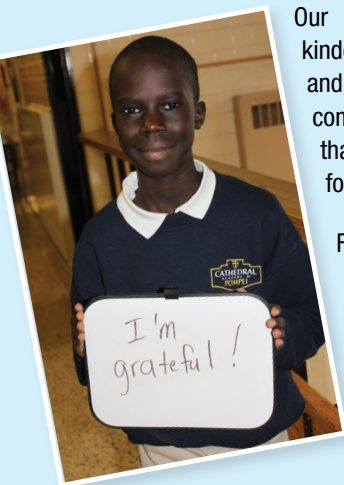
THE ANGELS ARE ON THE MOVE!

KATHY FEDRIZZI SCHOLARSHIP

2019 has been a year of celebration and growth for Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society. In July, we announced that Kathy Fedrizzi, long-time Executive Director would be transitioning to part-time Executive Director Emerita. We established a special 2019-2020 Kathy Fedrizzi Scholarship in her honor that has, to date, raised over \$10,000 for our highest need families! Every year tuition rises and we continue to receive more requests for aid than we have funding, so everyone's generous donations to this special scholarship fund will make a big difference in the lives of many families.

Sarah Ioele has been appointed by the Board of Directors to lead the Society going forward as the Director of Community Relations & Development. Kaitlyn Cogswell has been promoted to Operations & Marketing Manager and manages many of the Society's day-to-day activities. Kathy remains on staff at the Society, serving in a part-time advisory capacity. More information about this exciting new chapter for the Society is available on our website's "About" page under "Transition Communication."

MENTOR & TUTOR PROGRAM



Our students are hardworking, passionate, and resilient. From kindergarteners to seniors in high school, they exhibit a desire to learn and a drive to do well in school and do good in the community. They come from families who struggle financially, but want to make sure that their children get the best education possible and an opportunity for a better life.

Father Champlin knew this about our students and saw how hard their parents worked to provide for them. He knew that they are all fighting an uphill battle and that sometimes access to a quality Catholic education isn't always enough - they need more than just financial support to succeed.

Our Mentor Program has changed and evolved over the years to meet the needs of each group of students, but the core is always the same: providing avenues for students to form relationships with mentors who care about them. From elementary school at Cathedral Academy at Pompei, to the Mentor & Tutor Program at Bishop Grimes, our students receive support to reach their dreams.

EXCITING NEWS!

10 DECADES OF GIVING

We are thrilled to announce that the Guardian Angel Society is being included in the Speach Family Candy Shoppe's 10 Decades of Giving Campaign, which celebrates their 100th anniversary! Each month for 10 months in 2020, the Candy Shoppe will be giving publicity and partial proceeds to a deserving local not-for-profit. The Society will be honored during the month of October and our special exclusive product will be available through their website all year-round! Details about this exciting opportunity will be shared through email and on our Facebook page, so be sure to "like" us on Facebook and subscribe to our email newsletter!

NEW WEBSITE IN THE NEW YEAR

The Guardian Angel Society's web presence is getting a face-lift! Get ready for a fun, streamlined, and easy to use website! Information about our programs, volunteer opportunities, and fundraising events will be more accessible than ever. Our web address will remain the same: GuardianAngelSoc.org.



The 13th Annual
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at the **palace**
with the *DeSantis*
ORCHESTRA
With Very Special Guests

Sunday • December 8th • 6pm
The Palace Theatre
2384 James St • Syracuse
For tickets call 315-488-7611
A portion of the proceeds benefit
Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society

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FR. CHAMPLIN'S GUARDIAN ANGEL SOCIETY
FEBRUARY 8TH, 2019 • 8PM • THE PALACE THEATRE

St. Patrick's Day
FEAST
March 8th
WESTVALE GOLF COURSE
CLUB HOUSE

100 Golfview Drive
Camillus, NY 13031

Tickets \$20 presale | \$25 at door
4-7pm | FREE PARKING | CASH BAR

LEGACY GIVING

Leave a Legacy of Love

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

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