

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

WE'RE THE GOOD NEWS!

November 2024

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE GUARDIAN ANGEL SOCIETY,

Our village is definitely growing and now includes the two Catholic Diocese inner-city schools: Most Holy Rosary and Blessed Sacrament. We are fortunate to have these partners who are committed to the well being of students who believe in building a strong foundation for learning opportunities.



Every year, we have a unique tradition of inviting all 4th, 5th & 6th grade students to be creative and draw what Christmas means to them. We brought this Guardian Angel tradition into the future and the students delivered! A 5th grader at MHR, Addie Anderson, created the drawing that was chosen to be our Christmas card this year.

When selecting her artwork we got lost in her vibrant night village scene... The midnight sky seemed alive, with stars shining brightly, in the crisp night air - silence - except for the chime of church bells that echo all around. The carolers are now home, and the children are nestled in their beds. From home to home, and heart to heart, from one place to another ~ the warmth and joy of Christmas is felt bringing us closer. Feelings of Christmas peace and hope were instantly evoked in each who saw her drawing. Thank you, Addie.

Thank you all, near and far, for the abundance you've brought Father's kids this year. Your presence, kindness and generosity combined have provided a safe and positive environment for our Guardian Angel scholars to thrive in. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Healthy 2025!



Merry Christmas & Happy 2025.

Tamela Fabiano | Executive Director
Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society

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.

♦ \$94.00 Inn Between Restaurant
Dinner Certificate

♦ "Kids with Wings" Christmas Cards

♦ Tickets to an upcoming
Guardian Angel event:

- ♦ Christmas with the DeSantis Orchestra;
December 8, 2024 at 5:00PM
- ♦ St. Patrick's Day Feast; March 9, 2025
- ♦ Kentucky Derby Party; May 3, 2024

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♦ Guardian Angel Society
Cell Phone Power Charger

♦ Guardian Angel Society
Cell Phone Pop Socket



A HUGE SUCCESS!

20TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



On August 8th at Radisson Greens, a number of golfers joined us to celebrate an exceptional 20th anniversary golf tournament. Everyone had a great time golfing and participating in contests. The tournament was successful, with close to \$12,000 raised directly supporting tuition assistance, mentorship, and tutoring services for Father's kids. Since its creation in 2005, the golf tournament has raised close to \$290,000 to help our scholars make it one step closer to destination graduation. This tournament reminded us that we couldn't support Father's mission without our long-standing loyal supporters. Thank you again to everyone involved in making this milestone event happen! We are planning our 21st annual golf tournament which will take place in August of next year. Watch for details!!!

MENTOR AND TUTOR PROGRAM

Our Speaker Series was "rebooted" again for another year at Bishop Grimes High School.

Derek Power, Head of IT Security at IMS in Liverpool, spoke to our students about Computer Science. Derek is from Ireland and has worked in the IT industry since 1998, immigrating to the United States right out of college. He made our students aware that computer science isn't all about math but is more about problem-solving, communication, and visualizing problems. Derek also views Computer Science as an exciting career path because you can build things that never existed before and help people solve a problem before they even know it exists. He added if you're not entirely sure about your career path, the experience of attending a two-year school may help you figure it out. Thank you, Derek, for opening up our students' eyes to this popular career field and for the good advice!

2024 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Every year from October 1st to December 31st, we have our most extensive fundraising effort: our Circle of Friends campaign. This annual campaign ensures that the Guardian Angel Society can continue to thrive. We ask our supporters to give generously and we are consistently blessed with positive results. This year we have a greater need than ever because of our new relationships with Most Holy Rosary and Blessed Sacrament schools. We now must plan for a greater impact on the lives of more families.

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.



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 impactfully.

Armand Cesta

Brian T. Brousseau

Carol Cloonan

Carolyn Purvis

Charlene Pisarek

Charles Callen

Chris Hagan

Dorothy Catherine Thompson

Elizabeth Bazyolo Wilkinson

Harry Barber

J. Robert Oliver

Jeffrey Eischen

John & Eileen Hallihan

John & Nellie Bourg

Katie Chanley

Kerry Anne Young Allen

Margaret Blanchfield

Margaret R. Clancy

Mary S. O'Connell

Maureen Bova

Patricia LaBrecque

Peter Uva

Rae Arena

Vita Sada

Wayne Siver

William Evans

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

Angelica Clements and Phil O'Neil bring a great deal of knowledge and enthusiasm to our organization. We can't wait for the good things we can accomplish together!



Angelica first fell in love with this organization as one of our college interns. She then became a grant writer/staff member. She has always been a champion for the Guardian Angel Society and we are happy to have her join the board.



Phil O'Neil is our newest member joining the Board in October and has been a long time supporter. He brings a great deal of fundraising experience to the Society. Phil's appointment to the Board is timely as he is a 12 year Alumnus of Most Holy Rosary School and has many ties there.

NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICERS!

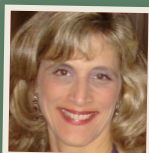


LouAnn Cristo
NEW CHAIR



Michele Sardinia
NEW VICE CHAIR

THANK YOU for Your Contribution!



Dr. Tammy Anthony was a long standing board member and served as our secretary. We are grateful for her generosity and willingness to go above and beyond. Tammy's contributions have made a lasting impact on our organization.



Michele Galvin was a long standing board member, our governance chair and served on the orientation committee as well. We are grateful for her generosity. Michele's contributions and insight enabled us to make a positive impact on the lives of many.



Dr. Hayes Wananmaker was a long standing board member and served as our board chairman for many years. Hayes continues to serve on the finance committee. His leadership has been instrumental in driving our organization's growth and success. Thank you for your guidance and dedication.

OUR STAFF & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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A WORD OF GRATITUDE FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS!

LUCILLE ADORANTE

Lucille Adorante was here this fall helping us with our most recent mailing. Our organization would not survive without volunteers like her, who take time out of their busy schedules to help us in some capacity. If you'd like to volunteer, we have many opportunities; give us a call!

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 5th Annual Kentucky Derby Party! Stay tuned on our website and social media pages for further information and save dates!

In Loving Memory



STEVEN SALATTI

Our dear friend, Steven Salatti, passed away on September 8th, 2024. He was part of our Guardian Angel Society's Mentor &

Tutor Program, serving as a mentor at Bishop Grimes. His passion for the Society carried over to financial support as well. First, by participating in his employer's (Bristol Myers Squibb) Matching Gift Program, allowing his gifts to be doubled. Then, in retirement, his gifts were sent as planned IRA distributions.



CHRISTINE WOODCOCK-DETTOR

Our dear friend, Christine Woodcock-Dettor, passed away on June 23rd, 2024.

She was a long standing board member, vice chair and committee head. She served as legal counsel for the Guardian Angel Society for many years. She gave of her time to support our legacy program, wills, trusts and beneficiary needs. She was instrumental in maintaining our by-laws. We miss her and are grateful for the many hours she spent "taking care" so that we could rest easy as an organization.

SAVE THE DATES!



May 3rd, 2025

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 Champlin's Guardian **ANGEL** Society
 wings for education

Connecting with Our Students



On Friday, October 18th, the Guardian Angel Society was invited to Most Holy Rosary School (MHR) to participate in their Grandparents' Mass and luncheon. A few of our Guardian Angel scholars were readers at the Mass celebrated by Father Fred Mannara. After Mass, we had the opportunity to share a meal with and visit our Guardian Angel scholars. We met other guests who were MHR alumni attending with their grandchildren. The conversations were great; the best part was those big smiles beaming with joy!

Partnership with LeMoyne Work-Study Program Continues

We are pleased to introduce our newest intern: Destiny Jimenez. She is a Junior business marketing major with a film minor. Destiny is experienced with digital marketing and is already a tremendous team asset! She will assist our staff with everything from operations to social media. We know she is up for the challenge! We hope she will be a part of the Guardian Angel Team for years to come.

