

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

Father Champlin's
Guardian
ANGEL
Society
wings for education

WE'RE THE GOOD NEWS!

November 2025

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE GUARDIAN ANGEL SOCIETY,



As the holiday season wraps us in warmth and reflection, I am thrilled to share with you our newest Christmas card, designed by students attending Blessed Sacrament School; 5th grader Cecilia Roman and 6th grader Izabella Musolino. It features an evergreen tree decorated for Christmas with ornaments, adorned with lights, circled by gifts and topped with a bright star.



Cecilia Roman

Izabella Musolino

It is much like the ones we might find in our own living rooms with wrapped presents underneath. The true gift of the season is the birth of our Lord Jesus, and the best comes when we welcome His love into our hearts.

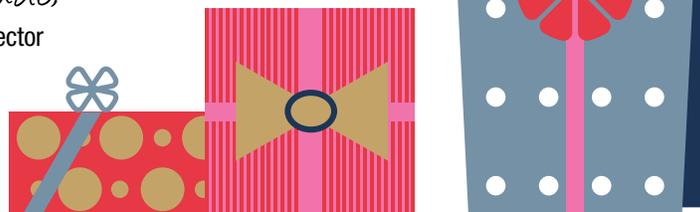
As we take joy in this blessing and look to the new year, we are filled with gratitude and optimism for what we can achieve together.

Your contributions—whether through time, resources, or spreading the word—light the path to graduation for our students to build brighter futures.

Thank you for believing in Father's mission of breaking the cycle of poverty through the gift of education and for being at the heart of our work together.

From all of us at the Guardian Angel Society, we wish you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a Happy New Year.

With deepest gratitude,
Tamela Fabiano, Executive Director



Christmas List GIFT IDEAS & STOCKING STUFFERS

To purchase, please call (315) 422-7218,
visit GuardianAngelSoc.org,
or scan & shop!

Proceeds support Father's kids



- ◆ **\$95.00 Daniella's Restaurant Dinner Certificate**
- ◆ **"Kids with Wings" Christmas Cards**
- ◆ **Tickets to an Upcoming Guardian Angel Event:**
 - ◆ Christmas with the DeSantis Orchestra; Sunday, December 14, 2025
 - ◆ St. Patrick's Dinner; Sunday, March 8, 2026
 - ◆ Kentucky Derby Party; Saturday, May 3, 2026*see website "Events" for details*

21ST ANNUAL “GOLFING FOR HIS KIDS” CELEBRATES ANOTHER MAJOR MILESTONE

The 21st Annual *Golfing for His Kids* tournament was another rousing success for Father Champlain’s Guardian Angel Society — blending sunshine, good spirits, and generous hearts into one unforgettable day on the green!

Held for the first time at the beautiful Tuscarora Golf Club, this year’s event welcomed over 100 enthusiastic golfers who came ready to swing, smile, and support our mission. After enjoying a delicious lunch, players hit the course under a cloudless sky — thanks, perhaps, to a heavenly assist from Father Champlain himself.

Despite the summer heat, laughter echoed across the fairways, and the competition was as friendly as it was fierce. Special shoutout to **Father Celentano**, who turned heads (and raised eyebrows!) with a surprisingly sharp showing on the putting green. Skill or divine intervention? We’ll let you decide!

This year’s tournament raised over \$12,000, pushing our *Golfing for His Kids* cumulative total to an incredible \$300,000+ in support of students in need.

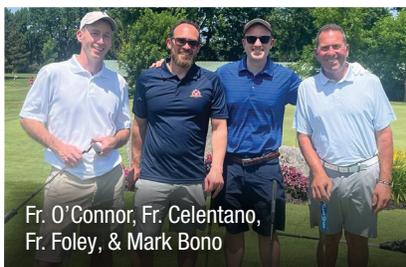
It’s a milestone we’re proud of — and one our tournament founder, **Bruce LaGrow**, might never have imagined when he first teed off this tradition 21 years ago. As our schools have grown and evolved, so has this beloved event, yet our mission remains as strong and clear as ever: to support the educational journey of every student in our care.

From the prize winners to the volunteers, from the first-time players to our longtime sponsors — THANK YOU. Your support changes lives.

Mark your calendars now for **Monday, June 22, 2026** — for another chance to play this beautiful private course while helping a truly great cause. As we head into the Winter months, it gives us something to look forward to!



Women showed up big time for the cause!



Fr. O’Connor, Fr. Celentano, Fr. Foley, & Mark Bono



Two couples – One great cause



Clubhouse Camaraderie

In Loving Memory



Robert Daino, a close friend of Father Champlin, was instrumental to Father’s mission. From the inception of the Guardian Angel Society, Bob served on key committees, made a generous founding gift, and was a passionate supporter of the “Sponsor A Student” program. After Father’s passing, he remained dedicated—becoming a founding board member and working closely with our first Executive Director, Kathy Fedrizzi, to lead a major restructure. His unwavering support helped shape the Society into what it is today.

GUARDIAN ANGEL SOCIETY HITS A HOME RUN AT SYRACUSE METS “WE CARE WEDNESDAY”



On August 20, 2025, Father Champlain’s Guardian Angel Society proudly participated in the Syracuse METS’ “We Care Wednesday” community outreach event at NBT Bank Stadium. It was an evening full of heartwarming moments, community connection, and shared purpose.

The highlight of the night was seeing *one of our alumni*, **Estella Adams**, and her young son — a second grader at Most Holy Rosary School, represent us on the field. He may be a soccer player, but his joy was contagious as he met team mascot “Scooch”. He also had the incredible honor of throwing out a first pitch. It was a moment that beautifully captured the spirit of our mission and the legacy being built across generations.

The event gave us the opportunity to connect with many other nonprofit organizations and engage with fans to share more about the work we do to support children’s education and development. Through this platform, we were able to elevate awareness of our mission and celebrate the enduring impact of our Guardian Angel community.

Thank you to the Syracuse METS for hosting such a meaningful event—and to all who continue to support the Guardian Angel Society’s vision of hope and opportunity for our youth.



Estella and her son on the field, proudly representing the Guardian Angel Society

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Donations were received between April 1st and October 15th in memory of the individuals listed below. We are grateful to the families and friends who honor their loved ones impactfully.



Bernard and Jean Slattery

C. Barry Quinn

Cathedral Academy - Class of 1958

David von Holtz

Deceased Members of Cathedral Academy Class of 1969

Dobe Family

Doris Kinane

Elizabeth Bazdylo Wilkinson

Father Champlin

Father Champlin

James & Shirley Felker

James F. Schug

John Hallihan Sr

Joseph & Francis Macro

Joseph Cavalier

Julie & Robert Ringham

Kerry Anne Young-Allen

Mary "Beth" Molinari

Megan McSweeney-Melo

Mother's 114th Birthday

Paul Scanlon

Rita

Theresa Lee Towers



2025 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS



From October 1 through December 31, we launch **our most vital annual effort**: the Circle of Friends campaign. This tradition fuels the mission of the Guardian Angel Society, making it possible for us to continue changing lives through education, mentorship, and spiritual support.

Thanks to your generosity in past years, we've seen incredible outcomes. But this year, *the need is even greater*.

With our expanded partnerships at **Most Holy Rosary** and **Blessed Sacrament** schools, we are reaching more students and families than ever before—and with that growth comes increased responsibility. We are committed to walking with these young people on their educational journeys, but we can't do it without your help.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, dedicated staff, volunteers, mentors, tutors—and most importantly, the students whose futures are forever shaped by your generosity—we ask you to *prayerfully consider joining our Circle of Friends this year*.

Your significant gift directly supports the legacy of Father Champlin and ensures that his vision of hope and opportunity lives on. Please give today by calling us at **(315) 422-7218** or visiting **GuardianAngelSoc.org**. Thank you, and may you and your loved ones have a blessed and joyful holiday season.

CONNECTING WITH OUR STUDENTS

MENTOR & TUTOR PROGRAM

This school year marks a special beginning as we settle into a new rhythm at the recently formed Bishop Ludden-Grimes. We've been spending meaningful time getting to know our students, checking in to make sure their academic year is off to a strong and supported start.

Through one-on-one conversations and small group meetings, we've been introducing students to the Guardian Angel Society—who we are, the legacy of Father Champlin, and most importantly, how we are here to walk beside them on their educational journey.

We also asked students to share their dreams. They've told us about the professions they're most curious about—from law to healthcare to entrepreneurship—and the types of speakers they'd love to hear from. Their responses will help shape a thoughtful and inspiring speaker series this year, one that reflects their passions and goals.

Our hearts are full from these early conversations. This foundational work—quiet, steady, and deeply personal—is how lasting support takes root. We're reminded that before we inspire students with big ideas, we must first meet them where they are, listen closely, and show up with open hearts.

Here's to a year of building trust, sharing stories, and walking together in faith, hope, and possibility.



SAVE THE DATES!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar and join the fun—every event supports the Guardian Angel Society’s mission!



Legacy of Love

LEGACY GIFTS

Would you like to make a lasting impact on the lives of children in need, all while leaving a legacy of love you and your family can be most proud of? To receive more information about Legacy Giving, including Wills, Trusts, Beneficiary, Designations, and Outright Gifts, please call our office at (315) 422-7218.

We are grateful for the many gifts made to the Guardian Angel Society recently- in memory of **Doris Kinane** - who was a longtime friend and supporter of Father Champlin. The Guardian Angel Society was chosen to receive donations “in lieu of flowers” by Doris’s family when planning her funeral services. Because of this, Doris’s memory lives on while helping Father’s kids into the future.



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Let's Stay Connected



with the DeSantis Orchestra!

December 14th, 2025

Immaculate Conception Church



March 8th, 2026 • 4-7PM

Syracuse Polish Home



May 2nd, 2026 • 5-10PM

Marriott Syracuse Downtown

GOLFING
for his kids



June 22nd, 2026

Tuscarora Golf Club

WELCOME TO OUR...

NEW TEAM MEMBERS & BOARD DIRECTOR!

We are excited to announce the addition of three outstanding individuals to the Guardian Angel Society family!

Please join us in welcoming **Leila Quinn** and **Casey Morey** to our Marketing and Development team. Both bring a wealth of experience and are known for their energy, creativity, and deep commitment to the community. Their expertise and enthusiasm will be key in expanding our reach and strengthening our mission. We're thrilled to have them onboard!



We are also honored to welcome Attorney **Tom Buckel** to our Board of Directors. A respected advocate and community leader, Tom brings invaluable insight and a passion for service that aligns perfectly with the mission of Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society.

We look forward to the impact Leila, Casey, and Tom will make as we continue to grow and serve.

OUR STAFF & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

STAFF

- Tamela Fabiano** Executive Director
- Casey Morey** Marketing & Development
- Leila Quinn** Marketing & Development
- Cindy Ormond** Community Engagement Ambassador
- Kathy Fedrizzi** Projects Advisor & Bookkeeper, Executive Director Emerita

OFFICERS

- LouAnn Christo** Chairman
- Michele Sardinia** Vice Chairperson
- Michael Paparo** Treasurer
- James Kearns** Secretary

MEMBERS

- Melanie George
- Terence Wynne
- Phil O'Neil
- Thomas C. Buckel Jr.