# CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

Father Champlin's Guardian ANGEL Society 30TH ANNIVERSARY 1997 - 2027

WE'RE THE GOOD NEWS!

November 2026

## DEAR FRIENDS OF THE GUARDIAN ANGEL SOCIETY,

Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society is preparing to celebrate an extraordinary milestone: 30 years of opening doors, nurturing potential, and helping children build brighter futures. For three decades, our mission has been rooted in a simple but powerful belief: every child deserves the opportunity to succeed, regardless of their circumstances.

During this season of giving, we are reminded that we are truly blessed. Your gifts embody the true meaning of Christmas by ensuring service to children in need and giving them an opportunity for a quality education and better life.




As we enter this milestone year, we have an opportunity to honor the angels who came before us - and to call upon new angels to help carry this work forward. Please consider donating your time, talent and treasure this coming year.

We see the gifts this holy season brings through the creative talents of Emma Morgan, a sixth grader at Most Holy Rosary elementary school. She designed our 30th Annual Guardian Angel Society "kids with wings" Christmas Card: featuring a tree, wrapped gifts and ribbons tied with love.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas surrounded by faith, family and love.

*With Deepest Gratitude*

**Tamela J. 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*

- **$96.00 Daniella's Restaurant Dinner Certificate**
- **"Kids with Wings" Christmas Cards**
- **Tickets to an Upcoming Guardian Angel Event:**
  - Christmas with the DeSantis Orchestra; Sunday, December 20, 2026
  - St. Patrick's Dinner; Sunday, March 7, 2027
  - Kentucky Derby Party; Saturday, May 7, 2027

*see website "Events" for details*








# 22ND ANNUAL "GOLFING FOR HIS KIDS" – A LITTLE RAIN, A LOT OF HEART!

This past summer, 132 golfers gathered at the beautiful Tuscarora Golf Club in Marcellus, NY for lunch, fellowship, and a round of golf in celebration of our 22nd Tournament.

Although some rain kept us company, our teams braved the "liquid sunshine" and took to the course with smiles on their faces and joy in their hearts. Throughout the day, Father Champlin's spirit was unmistakably present as friends came together to rally around his mission and our amazing students on their journey to "Destination Graduation."

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our golfers, sponsors, and supporters, this year's tournament raised more than $18,000 to provide tuition assistance, mentorship, and tutoring services for children in need. These resources make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students, helping them overcome obstacles, reach their potential, and stay on the path toward graduation.

Mark your calendars for **Monday, June 21, 2027**, and join us for another memorable day on this gorgeous private course.



## GUARDIAN ANGEL SOCIETY ROUNDS THE BASES –

# A GRAND SLAM FOR GIVING!



We were excited to return to NBT Bank Stadium on August 19th for the Syracuse METS' "We Care Wednesday" community outreach event!

It was an evening of baseball, team spirit, and giving back. This year, we added some excitement by selling raffle tickets for a beloved baseball card collection, donated by Mr. Terry Wynne, Vice Chair of our Board. Thanks to the generosity of METS fans and our supporters, we raised $1,600 to further our mission.

We were also thrilled to connect with fellow nonprofit organizations, meet fans, and share more about the Guardian Angel Society and the difference our community makes in the lives of local youth.

At the end of the game, we drew the winning ticket and celebrated the lucky recipient of the collection. It was a great way to cap off a wonderful evening!






## 30TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN:

# CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

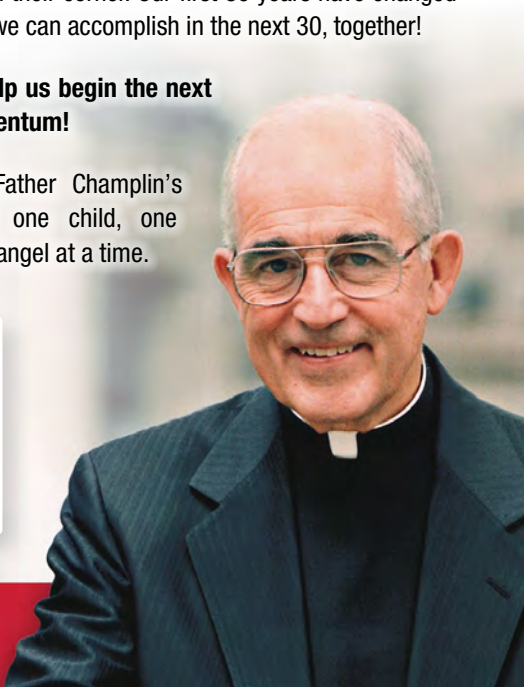
A message from: Michele Sardinia & Terrence Wynne | Co-Chairs of the 30th Anniversary - Circle of Friends Campaign

This anniversary is more than a celebration of our history ~ it is a tribute to the vision of Father Champlin, the generosity of supporters, dedication of our mentors and most importantly, the resilience and accomplishments of the children we serve.

As we reflect upon 30 years of impact, we also look forward with renewed purpose and an enduring commitment to ensure every child has someone in their corner. Our first 30 years have changed lives; imagine what we can accomplish in the next 30, together!

**We invite you to help us begin the next 30 years with momentum!**

Let's ensure that Father Champlin's vision continues - one child, one opportunity and one angel at a time.



Scan to give online!



## In Loving Memory

**Alan F. Coates** was an early supporter of Father Champlin and the Guardian Angel Society. He played a significant part in the success of Kentucky Derby Parties, the Sweet Cabaret, Lecture Luncheons, and back in the day - the Camillus Memorial Day Race & Parade. Most precious were his gifts remembering his son Timothy at Christmas time. We are grateful that Alan's family asked that donations, in lieu of flowers, be sent to the Guardian Angel Society. Through this planning, Alan's impact continues to make a difference for our Angel Scholars.

INSPIRING STUDENTS THROUGH OUR SPEAKER SERIES

# MENTOR & TUTOR PROGRAM

Our Speaker Series continues this year at Bishop Ludden-Grimes. We recently welcomed **Dr. Kim Burnett**, the Social Impact Community Engagement lead from Micron Technologies,to share her experience and insights with our students. Through opportunities like these, our scholars can explore career paths, learn from professionals in the field, and begin to envision the possibilities for their own futures.

The Speaker Series reflects the Guardian Angel Society's commitment to walking alongside students as they discover their interests, build confidence, and dream about what lies ahead. We are grateful to Dr. Burnett for sharing her time and perspective and helping our students see the opportunities that await them.








# MEMORIAL GIFTS

**Donations were received between May 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.**

Alan F. Coates

Cathedral Class of 1969

Charlene Pisarek

Don Lawler

Father Champlin

Ina Davis

Jim Dailakis

James F. Bell

Kerry Anne Young Allen

Margaret Clancey

Marilou Ormond

Peter Winnewisser

Rev. Christopher Twohig

Stephen Salatti

Theresa Lee Towers

# WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS!

We fulfill our promise to continue the vision Father Champlin began in 1997 by attracting believers in Father's mission. Bill Cass and Youlanda Hudgins-Johnson do just that.

## WILLIAM CASS

Bill's desire to make a difference is evident by the work and volunteering he has done with the City of Syracuse, OnPoint for College and other nonprofits. His big heart along with his expertise in accounting will bring added insight and value.







## YOULANDA HUDGINS-JOHNSON

Youlanda is the perfect addition to our board. She is a professional, a community leader and a strong communicator. Youlanda brings passion, dedication and most importantly the parent perspective to the table.

We are certain they both will help continue Father's mission grow and build!

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT




Meet **Joyce Moore-Dawson**! She's a retired math teacher who has spent her career helping students learn, grow, and reach their potential. Joyce coaches students preparing for national math competitions, and also serves as a local volleyball referee, bringing her love of learning, teamwork, and sportsmanship to everything she does.

We're grateful for the many ways she supports our students, whether it's while tutoring, attending Guardian Angel events, or imparting life lessons in the classroom. Just like Father Champlin, she carries a twinkle in her eye and joy in her heart. Thank you, Joyce, for all you do!

SAVE THE DATES
& GRAB YOUR TICKETS!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Have FUN *and* Support Our Mission
- all at the same time!

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

with the DeSantis Orchestra!

**December 20, 2026**

**Immaculate Conception Church**

## ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

**March 7, 2027 • 4-7PM**

**Syracuse Polish Home**

## KENTUCKY DERBY Party

**May 1, 2027 • 5:30-10PM**

**Palladian Hall at the Treasury**

## GOLFING for his kids

**June 21, 2027**

**Tuscarora Golf Club**

*Legacy of Love*

# LEGACY GIFTS



We are grateful for a recent legacy donation on behalf of **Vivian Morrison**, a continuous supporter for years. The Guardian Angel Society was one of the named beneficiaries of her retirement accounts. Because of her thoughtfulness and preparedness, her legacy gift will continue to help Father's Kids into the future.

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.

# HOLD YOUR HORSES... WE HAVE EXCITING NEWS!

**A milestone anniversary calls for something spectacular!** In honor of 30 incredible years of Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society, we're taking our beloved annual **Kentucky Derby Party** to a stunning new setting: **Palladian Hall at the Treasury!**

Get ready for the excitement of Derby Day, the elegance of a gorgeous (and historic!) downtown venue, and a celebration three decades in the making. We can't wait to mark this special milestone with our Guardian Angel Society family and friends in unforgettable style.

**New venue. Timeless tradition. One extraordinary celebration.** Tickets are available now — and this is one Derby Party you won't want to miss!

**But wait…there's more in May!** We're thrilled to announce our return to the **Camillus Memorial Day Race & Parade**! Father Champlin's participation as a runner was so legendary, part of the route is named in his honor: The Father Joseph Champlin Memorial Highway. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.



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