Father Champlin's
Guardian ANGEL Society
wings for education

SPRING NEWSLETTER

WE'RE THE GOOD NEWS!

May 2026

DEAR FRIENDS,

We are approaching the 30th anniversary of the creation of Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society. Thirty years of providing Tuition assistance, mentoring and tutoring support to students wishing for a better future without the limitations of financial burden. The foundation of Father's mission has never faded nor its execution wavered.

Father Champlin was known for being a "Gatherer of Good People." He had a knack for instilling in you ~ whether young or old ~ the desire to become the best version of yourself. He could recognize your God given talents and call you to action in your area of strength. His life's example was to be a life long learner in service to others.

The first chosen by Father Champlin to help him carry out his good mission was Kathy Fedrizzi. After he passed, her task became maintaining Father's wishes through the integrity of the Society and building the organization as it is today. I am blessed to be in her company and be chosen to further Father's mission & vision into the future.

Father laid the foundation, Kathy built upon it, and now, join me in continuing the tradition of providing the gift of education through tuition assistance and mentoring and tutoring services beyond the next 30 years!

Most gratefully yours,

Tamela J Fabiano

Tamela Fabiano, Executive Director

Celebrating Spring at DANIELLA'S RESTAURANT

Celebrate Father Champlin's Birthday with a Gift That Gives Back!

The Guardian Angel Society is proud to carry forward Father Champlin's cherished 25 year tradition of offering a chance to experience "Fine Dining for a Fine Education." This opportunity is made possible now through the generosity of restaurateur Charlie Roman, owner of the fabulous Daniella's Steakhouse.

On May 11th, Father would have celebrated his 96th birthday. In his honor, we invite you to donate $96 to the Guardian Angel Society. You will receive a $96 dinner certificate to Daniella's Restaurant and make an impactful contribution towards our scholarship fund.

It's a simple, yet powerful way to give—supporting student scholarships while also uplifting a beloved local business here in Syracuse. This partnership reflects Father's enduring belief in community, generosity, and opportunity for all.

Make your gift today and be part of this special tradition. Whether you mail in the form below or visit our website, your support helps open doors for our scholars while celebrating a legacy that continues to deliver.

Thank you for helping us keep this tradition alive.

DANIELLA'S RESTAURANT CERTIFICATE ORDER FORM

Make checks payable to Guardian Angel Society or provide credit card info below:

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Charge my: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ AMEX ☐ Discover

Card #_____ Exp. Date_____ CVV Code_____

Email_____ Phone_____

Signature_____

☐ $225: (2) Dinner Certificates for Daniella's (value: $96/each) with a choice of one item below.

☐ $150: (1) Dinner Certificate for Daniella's ($96 value) with a choice of one item below.

☐ $96: (1) Dinner Certificate for Daniella's ($96 value)

☐ $_____ An additional gift in honor of Father Champlin's 96th Birthday or other loved ones

If giving dinner certificate(s) as gifts, please indicate recipient name(s):

To:_____ From:_____

Choice of item: ☐ (3) packets of "kids with wings" Christmas Cards

☐ Guardian Angel Power Bank ☐ Guardian Angel Pop Socket

SAVE THE DATES!

UPCOMING EVENTS

GOLFING *for his kids*

22ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 22nd 2026
Lunch 11am / Shot Gun 12:30pm
Tuscarora Golf Club

Captain & Crew format / $150 per golfer
BBQ lunch, skins and MORE!
Ask about sponsorship opportunities!

SYRACUSE Mets

"WE CARE WEDNESDAY"

Wednesday, August 19th 2026

Every ticket purchased through Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society link directly supports our programs. Help us win a pre-game shout out by selling the most tickets! We have until August 17th to sell as many tickets as we can.
BRING YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

with the DeSantis Orchestra!

Sunday, December 20th 2026
Immaculate Conception Church

Experience the beauty and wonder of the holidays during our 19th Annual Christmas Concert with the DeSantis Orchestra. This treasured tradition brings together inspiring voices and timeless carols, creating an evening of grace, warmth, and festive spirit.

RUN FOR THE ROSES—AND FOR A CAUSE



The Marriott Syracuse Downtown provided a stunning backdrop for our 6th annual Kentucky Derby Party. It was another evening to remember—bringing together hundreds of generous supporters for a celebration filled with purpose, enthusiasm, and *"the most exciting 2 minutes in sports!"*

From the moment guests arrived, the energy was unmistakable. The red carpet photo booth, vibrant basket raffles, interactive wine pull, and ever-popular "Pick a Pony" contest created a lively Derby atmosphere.

Guests embraced the spirit of the occasion in style, showcasing stunning looks in our Best Dressed and Best Hat contests, while the dynamic sounds of **Prime Time Horns** kept the dance floor full well into the evening.

One of the most meaningful moments came when graduating Bishop Ludden-Grimes Angel Scholars, Eddie Koroma and Aroupiny Ater, took the stage. Their heartfelt remarks grounded the celebration in its true intention—expanding access to education and opportunity. Their stories left a lasting impression and reminded us all why this mission matters.

Thanks to your generosity, this year's event helped us step forward in supporting our students.

As the race continues, we hope you'll be part of what comes next. Mark your calendars now for **May 1st, 2027**, and join us as we celebrate 30 years of Father Champlin's mission.







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CHEERS TO IO YEARS

On Sunday, March 8th, we celebrated our 10th Annual St. Patrick's Dinner—an evening that truly captured the spirit of community, generosity, and joy - raising nearly $7,000 for our students—a new record for this beloved event!

With founder and longtime board member, Terry Wynne, this event was made even more special thanks to our new location and partner, the Syracuse Polish Home, whose hospitality helped create a warm and welcoming atmosphere. We were also thrilled to welcome the Francis Academy of Irish Dance for the first time—their performance added an energy and excitement that elevated the entire evening.

Guests enjoyed fantastic food from Green Hills Farms, music from Tommy Connors, and Irish soda bread courtesy of Cathy's Corner Café. We are also thankful for the beautiful bouquets from Sam Rao Florist, and for a special surprise appearance by CBA alum and nationally acclaimed songwriter Bob Halligan - his heartfelt performance of his song "Thanks" perfectly captured the gratitude we feel for this incredible community.

This tradition continues to grow and make a meaningful impact. Thank you for being part of it. Mark your calendars now for next year **Sunday, March 7th!**

2025 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

This is the 16th year of our "Circle of Friends" campaign. Since its inception people like you who believe in the power of education, have given generously. We thank our loyal supporters who have answered Father Champlin's call, to give at a level that is significant to them.Together you helped raise over $53,000 to meet the mission to ensure our students reach "Destination Graduation."

The following contributors were among the supporters of the 2025 campaign, giving $250 or more at the following levels:

PLATINUM
Joan M. LeBel
Nancy Genung
Ted Suarez

DIAMOND
Michael A. Paparo
Richard Huftalen

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GOLD
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Jacques Wilkinson Jr.
James Cunningham
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Manuel Ares
Patrick Sgarlata
Paul J. Dolan
Rita Ann Downing
Thomas Murray
Tom Okoniewski

A THANK YOU TO OUR SPEAKERS

MENTORING CHANGES LIVES!

Our Speaker Series continues to be well received and a positive experience for our students. We're grateful to the following community leaders who have recently spent time sharing their wisdom with our Angel Scholars.

- **Chris Cesta**, Executive Chef and Town of Camillus Councilor -former owner of the Inn Between Restaurant
- **Jose Colon**, founder of Simplistico Management Group
- **Jeff Knauss**, founder of Arcovo AI
- **Nicole Watts**, Chairwoman of the Onondaga County Legislature

A special thank you to all of our speakers, past and present. **If you or someone you know would like to share your success story with our scholars, please contact Cindy@GuardianAngelSoc.org.**









WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEAM MEMBER & BOARD DIRECTOR

We are excited to introduce the newest members of the Guardian Angel Society:



Andrea Romeo, has twenty years of experience in bookkeeping and operations in the retail arena and is excited to utilize her skills to amplify our mission in her new role as our bookkeeper/admin. "With her servant heart and numbers head ~ Andrea is the perfect candidate for me to pass this important task to" says Kathy Fedrizzi.



Patrick Kinne, has recently joined our Board of Directors. It is a privilege to have him. His background in education, prior experience with our Guardian Angel Scholars coupled with his open heart and giving spirit makes him a natural fit with the Guardian Angel Society. We are looking forward to the good things we will accomplish together.

Thank you Joe Scarfino! While pursuing his Marketing Degree at Le Moyne College, Joe has served as an intern with us. He is dependable and willing to lend a helping hand in the success of our events and daily work. His kindness and commitment will be missed. We wish you success and happiness in what lies ahead.



MEMORIAL GIFTS

The Guardian Angel Society received donations in memory of the following individuals between October 15 - May 1. We are grateful to the family and friends who honor their loved ones, and in turn, help make an impact on those in need.

Albert Paparo
Anita DeSantis
Barbara & John Cico
Bill Rosbrook
Bishop Grimes Jr/Sr High School
Burke Family
Cathedral Class of 1958
Charlene Pisarek
Charles John O'Donnell
Connie Coates & Tim Coates
Daniel Dombroski
David S. Suarez
Dolores Maroney
Don Lawler
Dr. & Mrs. John Laura
Erma J. Brousseau
Father Champlin
Fay M. Schadler
Frank Sgarlata
Ina Davis
James F. Bell
James & Marie Curtin
James G. Orioli
Jeanne McNamara
Jeffery Acker
Jim Dailakis
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Joseph & Frances Macro
Joseph Goetz, Sr.
Joseph Goetz, Jr.
Patricia Levick
Patricia Uhl
Walter Levick
Judy & Bob Daino
Kathleen Donovan
Kerry Anne Young-Allen
Mackenzie Ruston
Margaret R Clancy
Marianne Wynne
Mark Bova
William Glover
Mary & Joe Nico
Michael Trivison
Lawrence Hackett
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Spencer
Peter & Virginia LaBarbera
Norma & Jack Williams
Patricia LeBrecque
Paul Kline
Peg Clary
Peter Uva
Renato Macor Jr.
Robert H. Edick
Sandy Hook Students & Staff
Sharon Wojick, CA '65
Sister Mary Linda Lawler, DC
Stephen Salatti
T.R. Whelan
Dobe Family
Theresa Lee Towers
Timothy Callen
Tone Family
Vincenza Terrinoni
Woolever Family

LEAVE A
LEGACY OF LOVE

LEGACY GIVING

You have the opportunity to have a lasting impact on 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, including Wills, Trusts, Beneficiary, Designations,and Outright Gifts, please call our office at **(315) 422-7218**.

IN LOVING MEMORY


Jim Dailakis with Bruno & Patty Schirripa

Sadly, we have lost three loving supporters of the Guardian Angel Society since January. Each brought a special something of themselves to the society. **Marianne Wynne** ~ Mother of board member Terry Wynne & avid supporter of the St. Pat's Dinner passed away at age 99 in January. **Albert Paparo** ~ husband of Joann Paparo, family man and father of our board member and Treasurer Mike Paparo passed away in February. Then in April, comedian **Jim Dailakis** passed away. Jim was known for his warmth, humor, and generosity, Jim donated his talents to SIX Wise Guys Reunion shows benefitting Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society. At the request of their families, memorial donations have been and may still be made to the Guardian Angel Society in their honor.

Through their kindness and commitment to helping children in need, *Marianne, Albert and Jim's* legacys will continue to make a difference for years to come.

To learn more or make a memorial donation, visit **guardianangelsoc.org**.

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Let's Stay Connected

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Casey Morey *Marketing & Development*

Leila Quinn *Marketing & Development*

Andrea Romeo *Bookkeeper*

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Michele Sardinia *Vice Chairperson*
Michael Paparo *Treasurer*
James Kearns *Secretary*

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Melanie George
Phil O'Neil
Terence Wynne
Patrick Kinne

STUDENT NEWS

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR 2026 GRADUATING SENIORS

It is an honor to introduce these two remarkable young men and Guardian Angel Scholars. They exemplify excellence both in the classroom and in athletics. Beyond their many achievements, they and their families share a deep and longstanding connection with our organization, making their graduation especially meaningful.



BISHOP LUDDEN-GRIMES

AROUPINY ATER

Aroupiny began his journey in kindergarten at Cathedral Academy at Pompei (CAP), attended Bishop Grimes, and will now be one of the first to graduate from the newly formed Bishop Ludden-Grimes.

In addition to playing in the school band, he's enjoyed earning Section 3 Championships as a member of both the soccer and basketball teams. He'll attend OCC this Fall to study Electrical Technology and intends to start his own business in that very in-demand trade.



BISHOP LUDDEN-GRIMES

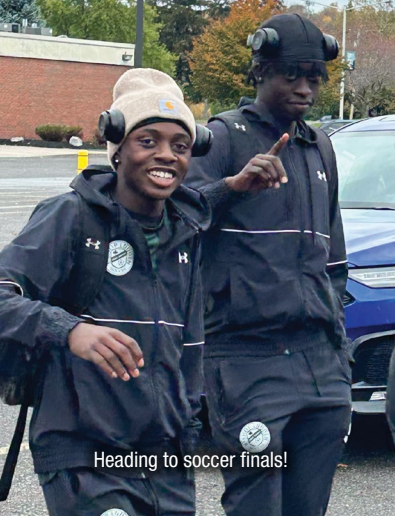
EDDIE KOROMA

Eddie's academic path has mirrored Aroupiny's precisely, which explains why they're such good friends! Not only have they been classmates since kindergarten at CAP, they've been team mates, too. Eddie was part of those Section 3 Championship Soccer and Basketball teams. He also plays trumpet in the school band and in the Spring, runs outdoor track & field. He'll study business at OCC this Fall, and has signed on to play basketball for the "Lazers".

Both Eddie & Aroupiny have served more than 100 Community Hours each, and will receive High Honors Awards in June.



Eddie, Aroupiny, & fellow BLG classmates at Cathedral



Heading to soccer finals!





Sharing their story with guests at our annual Kentucky Derby Fundraiser



A MESSAGE FROM EDDIE & AROUPINY TO OUR GUARDIAN ANGELS:

Father Champlin's mission in starting the Guardian Angels was to improve lives for kids like us. We never got to meet him, but from what we have heard, we can't help but think he is smiling down on all of us right now, having helped two more students find their way. You've given us connections, relationships, confidence, and support to become the best versions of ourselves, for the sake of others. His message is carried on through all of you, and we cannot thank you all enough for your help".



Alibariki Kabulete

HISTORY BOWL CHAMPIONS!

We are proud to celebrate two outstanding Bishop Ludden-Grimes students, 7th grader Mufungizi "G" Kabulete and his sister, 8th grader Alibariki Kabulete, both Guardian Angel Scholars, representing Bishop Ludden-Grimes in the CNY Fall History Bowl Middle School Division. They demonstrated knowledge, teamwork, and determination — and returned home as champions!



Mufungizi Kabulete (aka "G") & BLG team mate

Your generosity helps make opportunities like this possible for our students to thrive and shine.