

ST. URSULA SCHOOL
2020-2021



FAST
FORWARD
FRIDAY

2-26-21

“Love Mary! She is loveable, faithful, constant. She will never let herself be outdone in love, but will ever remain supreme.”

Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

 **FAITH FORMATION**

- **“Saint for the Week”:** **Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows.** Francisco Possenti was born in Assisi on March 1, 1838, the eleventh child of Sante Possenti and Agnes Frisciotti. During his formative years, Francis attended the school of the Christian brothers and then the Jesuit college in Spoleto. He was lively, intelligent and popular at school. After recovering from a life-threatening illness, Francisco dedicated his life to God and was accepted into the Congregation of the Passionists religious order. Francisco would go on to receive his Passionist habit on September 21, 1856, which that year was the Feast of the Sorrowful Mother. So when he was ordained, he was given the name: Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother. A year later he took his vows. Although Gabriel would evangelize the faith up to the end of his life, that life would end up being very brief in years, but lengthy in its impact. Having been struck with tuberculosis at the age of 24, Gabriel would pass away from this disease on February 27, 1862, before he would be formally ordained to the priesthood. Pope Benedict XV canonized Gabriel in 1920 and declared him a patron of Catholic youth. His feast day is celebrated on February 27.
- **This Week’s Prayer Partner Mass:** This week the Prayer Partner group of 6C and 1A will attend Mass in the St. Ursula Church at 10:15am on Tuesday, March 1. As always, you and your family are invited to join us virtually by accessing the **[ST. URSULA PARISH FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM](#)**.
- **(REMINDER) Faith in Action Food Drive:** During the Lenten Season, we are partnering with Operation Mato Grasso in support of their missionary efforts to provide food staples to 110 different communities across Brazil, Bolivia, Ecuador, and Peru. The suggested practice for this donation project is to make this a family activity where you place a basket in your dining room. And every day during the 40 days of Lent, place **one item** of food (listed below) into the basket.

- On Monday, place a box of **PASTA** in your basket.
- On Tuesday, place a box of **RICE** in your basket.
- On Wednesday, place a bag/box of **SUGAR** in your basket.
- On Thursday, place **CANNED VEGETABLES** in your basket.
- On Friday, place a bag of **FLOUR** in your basket.
- On Saturday, please place a bottle of **COOKING OIL** in your basket.
- On Sunday, thank God for the gift of the nourishment you received that week.

As a means in which to further engage our students in this activity, your children could contribute part of their allowance to purchasing these items, along with helping to shop for the food. **The food items may be brought into school each Monday.**

LOOKING AHEAD

- **(NEW SCHEDULE) Arrival and Dismissal Rotation:** As this Monday begins a new month, the rotational arrangement listed below details the arrival and dismissal schedule for all of March:
 - 7:40am and 2:40pm (SJ lot) Group 3: Le-Sc
 - 7:50am and 2:50pm (SUS lot) Group 4: Se-Z
 - 8:00am and 3:00pm (SJ lot) Group 1: A-Dr
 - 8:10am and 3:10pm (SUS lot) Group 2: Du-La

SAVE THE DATE

- **Friday, March 5:** This day serves as the start to Trimester 3.
- **Friday, March 12:** Trimester 3 report cards will be emailed home on this day.
- **Tuesday, March 16:** Raffle drawing for PHSA Yeti Cooler gift package.
- **Friday, April 2 - Friday, April 9:** Easter Break holiday - NO SCHOOL.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- **(LAST REQUEST) Donation Items for Service Hours:** We are seeking the following donation items for the *Race for Education* that will be eligible for service hours: 2 Books of Forever Stamps (1 Hour); 3 Reams of 8½ x 11 copier paper (1 Hour).
- **(SECOND REMINDER) Fathers Club Golf Tournament Registration:** The annual Fathers' Club golf tournament is scheduled for May 14 at 9:00am at Rocky Point Golf Course. You may register through the Pay-It link below.
- **Volunteer Service Hours Opportunity:** Our parish is seeking 15-20 volunteers on March 28 to assist in our semi-annual church cleaning event. Participants will receive 2 hours towards your family's volunteer service to the school. Please email Stephanie Shock at stephanie.shock@archbalt.org if interested.

- **PHSA Spirit Night**: Join us for another Chick-fil-A Spirit Night that is scheduled for Wednesday, March 3 from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Please click [HERE](#) for the flyer.

UPDATES & REMINDERS

- **FINAL CALL FOR YEARBOOK ORDERS**: It is your last chance to guarantee your yearbook order for the 2020-2021 school year. Please place orders by Sunday to ensure you get a copy. After Sunday, we will have a limited amount of books available for a late order purchase. Please click [HERE](#) for information on how to order.

If you are not sure if you already ordered a yearbook, please visit this [SITE](#) and enter the school code 8341. Start the new order, and once you are in, instead of placing an order, click on, "Already Placed an Order? Find your Order". To see if you ordered, you may locate your purchase by your email address.

- **Lucky 1500**: Congratulations to the following randomly generated winners of the Lucky 1500 prize contest for the weeks of February 15 and February 22:

2/15/21 Drawing

#647 - N. Santoro
 #193 - R. Ditzel
 #1094 - R. Staab
 #187 - S. DeRose
 #854 - M. Welkos

2/22/21 Drawing

#1142 - L. Krahel
 #1078 - K. Fotis
 #768 - A. Stumpf
 #1219 -S. Rostek
 #1190 - J. Ray

Please return any/all outstanding tickets/monies ASAP so your tickets can be included in the next drawing, regardless if you are using the Pay-It link and/or cash/check. Should you want more tickets, please contact Sadie Northey at snorthey@stursula.org.

- **Coloring Activity**: As this weekend predicts the threat of rainy weather, what better way to occupy your children with a coloring activity that will show off their school pride? Please click [HERE](#) for an outlined copy of our new school shield. Go HUSKIES!
- **(FINAL REQUEST) Mailboxes Needed**: Do you have a gently used mailbox sitting in your garage or attic? If so, we still need 2 mailboxes to use for a Lenten activity. Please contact us at susoffice@stursula.org if you are able to help.
- **(FINAL REMINDER) Tuition Assistance Application Deadline**: Please be reminded that the 2021-2022 FACTS Grant & Aid Application process will close this Sunday, February 28. Families seeking Tuition Assistance through the Archdiocese of Baltimore and S.U.S. must have submitted (not necessarily completed) an application through FACTS. Your application will be based on your 2020 W2's and 1040's, once received and uploaded to your application. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.
- **(SECOND REMINDER) Archdiocese of Baltimore Survey**: The AoB has once again partnered with Johns Hopkins University School of Education to conduct an archdiocesan wide survey of parents. Please complete the survey below that is currently

specific to your family. Thank you in advance for sharing your perspective.

REMOTE LEARNER PARENT SURVEY

IN-PERSON LEARNER PARENT SURVEY

- **Black History Month**: Although this has served as the final week of February and the formal conclusion to *Black History Month*, we continued our celebration of American innovators, inventors and leaders who changed the world in ways we may not have previously known. This week we learned about the following group whose life and work have made a lasting impact in our world:
 - ***Beatrice “Bea” Gaddy***: Beatrice Gaddy Known as the Mother Teresa of Baltimore and St. Bea, Bea Gaddy rose from a life of poverty to become Baltimore's leading advocate for the homeless and poor. Beatrice Frankie Fowler was born in 1933 to a very poor family in Wake Forest, N.C. By the time Bea was in her mid-20s, she was a mother of five, living on and off welfare. In 1964 she would make her way to Baltimore. Later earning her bachelor's in human services from Antioch University in 1977, she would commit her life to helping others. Her work in human services inspired her to establish a homeless shelter, a community kitchen for the needy, a furniture bank and a program that refurbished abandoned row homes for families in need. Ms. Gaddy was eventually elected to the Baltimore City Council in 1999. And although Bea Gaddy may not fall under the category of an inventor, her tireless and innovative efforts to help the disadvantaged of Baltimore certainly changed our world for the better.
 - ***Henry Blair***: Henry Blair was an African-American inventor who, in 1834, became only the second black man to receive a United States patent that was awarded for his work in developing a mechanical corn planter. Blair's corn planter resulted in more efficient crop planting and resulted in greater overall yield for farmers. Blair was born in Glen Ross, Maryland in 1807. Born as a freeman, Blair would go on to work in the farming industry and although he could neither read nor write, he would successfully manage his own independent business as a commercial farmer near Glen Ross. Later, Blair would go on to later develop and obtain a patent for his mechanical cotton planter.
 - ***Katherine Goble Johnson***: Katherine Goble was born in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, in 1918, Katherine Johnson would demonstrate an intense curiosity and brilliance with numbers that would help her to graduate with highest honors in 1937 with a dual degree in Mathematics and French from West Virginia State College. In 1939, West Virginia University integrated its graduate program and Katherine and two men became the first black students offered spots at the state's flagship school. After raising her children, he accepted a position at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics' (NACA's) Langley laboratory in Newport News, Virginia. In 1958, Katherine joined the core of the Space Task Group that would become part of the NASA organization. In her work for NASA, she provided important trajectory analysis for America's first human spaceflight. Her work at NASA would also be essential to sending John Glenn in orbit around the Earth. Then later, she would go on to perform essential calculations for the historic 1969 Apollo 11 trip to the moon. Up to her retirement from NASA in 1986,

Katherine continued to serve as a key asset as she helped to develop its Space Shuttle program and Earth Resources Satellite. In 2015, Katherine Johnson was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

- ***Edwin Roberts Russell:*** Edwin Roberts Russell was born in Columbia, South Carolina on June 19, 1913. He would go on to earn a B.A. from Benedict College in 1935 and an M.A. in Chemistry from Howard University in 1937. Then in 1942, Russell attended the University of Chicago to pursue a Ph.D. in surface chemistry. It was through this academic experience that led him to later join the Manhattan Project that would produce a nuclear defense system for World War II. Russell's top-secret research focused on isolating and extracting plutonium-239 from uranium. He would later become a research chemist for DuPont where he would earn eleven patents researching atomic energy processes.
- ***Elizabeth “Mother Mary” Lange:*** Mary Elizabeth Lange was born around 1794 in Santiago de Cuba. She received an excellent education and in the early 1800s, Elizabeth left Cuba and settled in the United States. By 1813, God's providence directed her to Baltimore, where a large community of French speaking Catholics from Haiti was established. As a well educated woman, it did not take Lange long to recognize that the children of her fellow immigrants needed an education. At that time, there was no free public education for children of color in Maryland. She responded to that need by opening a school for the children in her home in the Fells Point area of the city. God's providence would once again intervene through a priest named Fr. James Hector Joubert. He presented Elizabeth Lange with the idea to found the first religious congregation of African American women in the history of the Catholic Church, the Oblate Sisters of Providence. The international motherhouse for the Oblates can still be found here in the Baltimore area.



- **Golf Tournament:** To register for the Fathers Club Golf Tournament, please purchase your ticket through this [PAY-IT Link](#).

