

ST. URSULA SCHOOL
2020-2021



FAST
FORWARD
FRIDAY

4-23-21

“Be living witnesses of the greatness and beauty of Christianity.”
Saint Gianna Beretta Molla

 **FAITH FORMATION**

- **Saint for the Week:** **Saint Gianna Beretta Molla**. As we continue our yearlong study of “Our Friends in High Places”, this week our community celebrated the life of Saint Gianna Beretta Molla. The following offers a few highlights about her life:
 - Gianna born in Magenta, Italy in 1922 as the 10th of the thirteen children
 - Gianna would go on to study medicine, and in 1949 graduated from the University of Pavia with degrees in medicine and surgery.
 - Gianna would later open a medical clinic, where she gave special attention to mothers, babies, and the elderly.
 - Although she originally felt drawn to serve as a missionary in South America, Gianna discerned that the Lord was calling her to the vocation of marriage.
 - Early in her pregnancy with her fourth child, doctors discovered that Gianna had developed a fibroma, a type of tumor, on the wall of her uterus. They advised that she either remove the tumor and have an abortion or have a total hysterectomy, which would also result in the death of her unborn child.
 - Gianna decided that they would have the tumor removed and try to carry her child to term. This decision put Gianna’s own health at risk.
 - On April 21, 1962, Gianna gave birth to a beautiful, healthy little girl, named Gianna Emmanuela. Unfortunately, her birth marked the beginning of a week of extreme pain for Gianna, who passed away on Easter Saturday April 28, 1962.
 - Gianna’s husband Pietro and her children were present when Pope John Paul II canonized Gianna on May 16, 2004.
- **Weekly Mass:** Our prayer partner group of 5A and 3B are scheduled to attend the 10:15am Mass on Tuesday, April 27. Although parents and other guests are not able to attend our Eucharistic celebration, please know that we welcome your attendance by joining us via our parish **FACEBOOK LIVE STREAMING** of the Mass.

- **Crowning of Mary – May 3:** One of the memorable Catholic traditions that is held during the month of May is the Crowning of Mary. One of the special components to this event is the procession of students adorning the statue of the Blessed Mother with all types of beautiful flowers. With this thought in mind, **we are asking each student to bring in a small bouquet of flowers (or even a single flower) to school on Monday, May 3.** The students will present their gift of flowers to Mary during our May procession that will be held at 10:15am on this day. After the procession of flowers have been presented to the statue of our Heavenly Queen, we will move down to the St. Ursula Church parking lot area behind the Spiritual Center entrance for a Rosary prayer service. Please know that families will be able to virtually attend this memorable event through our *Facebook Live* streaming service.
- **Women in Faith Webinar:** An Archdiocese of Baltimore conversation focused on the contribution of Catholic Hispanic/Latin American, African American and Asian American women and how they enrich the Church is available online. It is a joint event sponsored by the Office of Hispanic Ministries and the Office of Black Catholic Ministries. Please watch this **WOMEN IN FAITH WEBINAR.**

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Outdoor Lunches:** Looking ahead to the warm weather of next week, we have planned outdoor lunch periods for all grade levels on both Tuesday, April 27 and Wednesday, April 28. The students are welcome to bring in a small towel to sit on during lunch.
- **[REMINDER] Summer Band Program:** Your child is invited to join our top-notch summer band program which is open to both current and former members. Students will receive all new great music and perform in a concert. Former band members who miss playing their instrument or being in the school band, are encouraged to use this summer to be prepared to play again in the fall with your friends. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact your school band director, Mrs. Jennifer Weglein at jweglein@stursula.org or call the Instrumental Music Program-Baltimore office at 410-442-5804. Please click **HERE** for a copy of the registration form which should be completed and mailed to the Instrumental Music Program-Baltimore.
- **[REMINDER] Arrival and Dismissal Rotation:** The rotational arrangement listed below details the arrival and dismissal schedule through **APRIL 30:**
 - 7:40am and 2:40pm (SUS lot) - Group 4: Se-Z
 - 7:50am and 2:50pm - (SJ lot) Group 1: A-Dr
 - 8:00am and 3:00pm (SUS lot) - Group 2: Du-La
 - 8:10am and 3:10pm - (SJ lot) Group 3: Le-Sc

SAVE THE DATE

- **Monday, May 3:** Spring uniform begins
- **Monday, May 3:** May Procession and Crowning of Mary Prayer Service (outdoor)

- **Tuesday, May 4:** 7th Grade Pre-HSPT
- **Wednesday, May 5 – Monday, May 10:** Trimester 3 Scantron Testing Administration
- **Friday, May 14:** Father's Club Golf Tournament at Rocky Point
- **Friday, May 14:** Speeches due for 2021-2022 Student Council Officer positions
- **Monday, May 19:** Student Council Office speeches and elections
- **Friday, May 21:** PHSA Movie Night (on the St. Ursula Church parking Lot)
- **Saturday, May 22:** Used Uniform Sale (on the SUS parking Lot)
- **Wednesday, May 26:** Annual Field Day event (held on Parkville HS field spaces)
- **Friday, May 28:** Early dismissal day – NO AFTERNOON CARE SERVICES

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- **Summer Day Camp:** The Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat House will be starting a summer day camp this year for incoming 1st through 5th graders. Five weeks of camp will be offered. The camp will be an outdoor, faith-filled, fun summer camp located on the campus of the Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat House in Sparks, MD. Camp week themes include God's Big Backyard and Heroes of Faith. All CDC and Baltimore County safety precautions will be strictly followed. There are five openings for staff, four for junior counselors, and five for volunteer counselors in training. Applications for camp and staff are located on the following website: <https://msgrodwyer.org/summer-camp>. Any questions, please send an email to: SummerAtOdwyer@gmail.com.
- **Restaurant Event:** The next PHSA Restaurant Event has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 4 from 11:00am to 8:00pm. So please consider stopping by Ravage Deli on May 4 to pick up a delicious meal for your family. Please click [HERE](#) for a copy of the flyer.
- **Golf Tournament:** The Father's Club is looking for additional sponsors for their annual Golf Tournament. Please click [HERE](#) for more information about sponsorship levels. Also, registration is still available to participate in our May 14 event on the links at Rocky Point Golf Club. Please register through the Pay-It link below.
- **[REMINDER] St. Ursula Parish Raffle:** Saint Ursula Church is sponsoring a spring raffle. Tickets are \$10 per ticket. There is one drawing per day during May: \$100 daily prize, \$200 each Sunday, and \$300 on Mothers' Day and Memorial Day prizes. Through May 2, tickets may be purchased after each Mass or purchased [ONLINE](#). The winning number each day is based on the evening Maryland Pick 3 lottery drawing.

UPDATES & REMINDERS

- **Trimester 3 Interim Reports:** On Tuesday, April 27, families with students in grades 3-8 will receive an emailed copy of their Trimester 3 Interim Report. As a reminder, this report serves as an academic snapshot of where your child is as of this midpoint in the trimester. For your reference, these grades are not part of your child's permanent record and instead merely offer you a glimpse into where your child is as of 4-23-21.

- **Race For Education:** A special note of appreciation to all of those families who helped to solicit money for our Race for Education fundraiser. As of today, we have collected \$89,200 for our annual RFE collection appeal. Please note that we will continue to accept donations as we aim for our goal of collecting a minimum of \$100,000 in donated funds.

We would also like to thank all of the members of the RFE planning committee. With special gratitude for the dedicated leadership of our amazing committee chairperson team of Stacey Phelps, Bridget King and Christina Baumgartner. Thank you, Stacey, Bridget and Christina,!
- **Lucky 1500:** Congratulations to the following randomly generated winners of the Lucky 1500 Grand Prize contest for the week of April 19. As this was the final week of our Lucky 1500 fundraiser, we want to thank everyone who provided support to this raffle contest.
 - #159 - J. Birkle (Top Prize Winner)
 - #938 - P. Fugate
 - #666 - K. Schissler
 - #864 - C. Williams
 - #998 - T. DiGiorgio
- **Box Top Homeroom Challenge Winner:** Congratulations to 3B for winning the Box Top challenge! The class will celebrate with a popsicle party next week during outdoor lunch. Thank you to all families that participated!
- **Yearbook Purchase:** We will have 32 additional yearbooks from the 2020-21 school year for purchase. It will be on a first come, first serve basis. The cost is \$28.00 per yearbook. If you are interested, the cost is \$28 per yearbook. Please use the Pay-it link below for ordering and payment.
- **Service Hours Opportunity:** If you are still in need of service hours, you may earn one hour of service for 3 reams of white or colored paper that you provide to the school.

PAY-IT LINKS

- **Father's Club Golf Tournament:** Register for a day on the links in support of our school. The \$135 registration fee is payable through this **[PAY-IT Link](#)**.
- **Yearbook:** To purchase one of the 32 additional yearbooks, please use this **[PAY-IT Link](#)**.

