

## St. Frances Academy's Annual Wine Tasting

by Deacon Curtis Turner, Principal

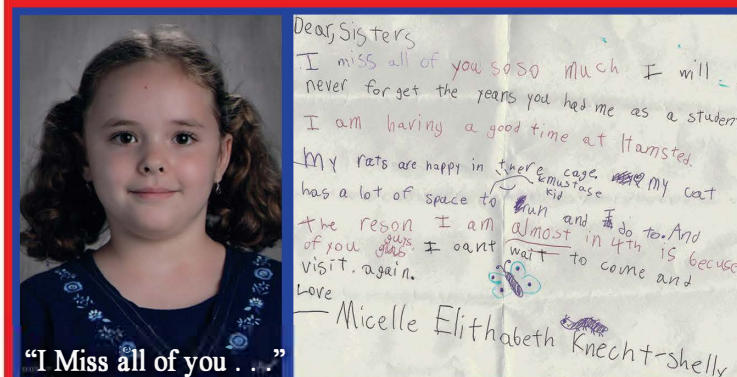


On May 18th, Saint Frances Academy hosted our Annual Wine Tasting event, presented by AT&T, at M&T Bank Stadium-Club Level, with special guest/honoree, Mayor Catherine Pugh. The Mayor was honored with the Mother Mary Lange Community Service Award. She spoke highly of the Oblate Sisters of Providence and praised the valuable presence of Saint Frances Academy in the City of Baltimore. This is a fundraising event designed to bring together friends, supporters, and the families of the Academy. Over \$40,000 was raised that evening.



## Mount Providence Child Development Center

A special note sent to the Child Development Center by a graduate of the school!



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## ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER 2017

Another fun, exciting and successful year. A special "THANK YOU" to all who volunteered, made donations and came out to support. We look forward to seeing you again next year!



## Favors Asked, Favors Received

**Favors Received**  
My daughter had been very ill but through the intercession of Mother Lange she is doing much better. Thank You Mother Lange. J.R., CA

In thanksgiving for healing of my eye through the intercession of Mother Lange. G.M.G., TX

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Through the intercession of Mother Mary Lange pray for:

- An increase of vocations to the Religious Life.
- End to violence in our homes, communities and the world.
- Healing for family members, relatives and friends.
- Cure for cancer, mental illness, Alzheimer's and Ebola virus.
- Family peace, unity and stability.
- Suffering for Christians around the world especially in the Middle East.
- Family members that they will return to the Church.
- Financial and medical assistance for all who are in need of assistance.
- Healing for all who are suffering at home, in hospitals or nursing homes.
- The spiritual and temporal welfare of all grandchildren.
- All other prayers that are too numerous to write here.
- For all special intentions which cannot be mentioned here.

## In Thanksgiving for . . .

Financial Assistance answered through the intercession of Mother Mary Lange, OSP. Returning of children to the Church through the intercession of Mother Lange. Prayers answered for health issues and peace in the family.

**Heavenly Father:** we know you already know our needs but you want us to ask. Through the intercession of Mother Mary Lange, please grant our petitions. Amen.

Every Thursday Father Donald Fest, SSJ offers Mass for the intentions of all those who pray for the intercession of Mother Mary Lange.



## COMING SOON! THE FINGER OF GOD

A new updated historical book on the life of Mother Mary Lange, founder of the Oblate Sisters of Providence

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

**October 21, 2017**  
TEA TIME WITH THE OBLATES

**January 27, 2018**  
136th ANNIVERSARY of the DEATH OF MOTHER LANGE

Check the website for more information and future events

## Promote Mother Lange

Here are some ideas on how you can promote Mother Lange's cause:

- Leave information about Mother Lange in borrowed books. When you return the books to the owner, they will have great information on Mother Lange.
- Share stories with friends about Mother Lange.
- Share stories about Mother Lange with patients and clients.
- Put Mother Lange information in Church Bulletins.
- Talk to young people about Mother Lange.
- Attend the commemoration Mass and bring a friend.
- Start a Guild Chapter to share Mother Lange's cause for canonization.
- Help to distribute the newsletter.
- Visit the relics of Mother Lange at the Motherhouse when you are in the Baltimore area.
- Include Mother Lange cards in Christmas cards and birthday cards.
- Take friends on a pilgrimage: tour Father Joubert's grave, Paca Street and St. Frances Academy.
- Say Mother Lange's canonization prayer before starting the car.
- Pray the canonization prayer once a day.
- Begin a prayer circle for Mother Lange's cause.
- Interview the president of the Mother Lange Guild for information on Mother Lange.
- Leave information about Mother Lange in the bus, airplane and train seat pockets.

## MOTHER LANGE MEMORABILIA

Help us raise the necessary funds needed for the canonization process

- Items made by the Oblate Sisters:
- Oblate Dolls
  - Mother Lange Rosary Beads
  - CD Recording of the Sisters Praying the Rosary in English and Spanish and many other items.
- To order memorabilia check the website: [www.motherlange.org](http://www.motherlange.org) or call the office at 410-242-6861



## Oblate Sisters of Providence

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## THE LANGE LETTER

Mother Mary Lange Guild News  
[www.motherlange.org](http://www.motherlange.org)

Mother Mary Lange, OSP

Rev. James Hector Joubert, SS

## Oblate Sisters of Providence NEW ADMINISTRATION



## FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of Mother Mary Lange,

Many thanks for your continued support of the Mother Lange Guild and for still believing in this wonderful spirit-filled woman, Mother Mary Lange, OSP. Be assured of our prayers for you, your family and your intentions asked through the intercession of Servant of God Mary Lange. Many have written to attest to the fact that God still perform miracles each day through Mother Lange's intercession. There is not enough room to tell you of the favors answered through her intercession in this short blurb. God is still in the healing business; just ask for what you need!

We thank God for allowing the Oblates to continue the legacy of Mother Lange. On June 24, 2017 we will install our 18th Superior General, Sister Rita Michelle Proctor, OSP and her Council. We ask you to continue to support the Congregation not only monetarily but especially with your prayers. We ask that you pray especially for new members to take the place of those Oblates who have gone before us. We cannot carry on the work of Mother Lange without new members.

We are still waiting for the Positio to be completed. After that is completed and is submitted, Mother Lange will be declared Venerable. When we send the alleged miracle which is at the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Baltimore and is accepted; Mother Lange then will be declared Blessed. One more miracle after that she will be canonized Saint. Please remember all of these intentions in your prayers. May our Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep each of us near to his Sacred Heart.

Ever in Divine Providence,

*Sr. Magdala Marie Gilbert, OSP*

Sister Magdala Marie Gilbert, OSP  
Director of Mother Mary Lange Guild

On Saturday, June 24, 2017 we prayerfully installed the new administration for the community. We are looking forward to a continuation of the mission of the Oblate Sisters of Providence through a life committed to God and dedicated to the service of His people.

Please join us in thanking Sister Mary Alexis Fisher and her administration team and help us welcome our new administration;

Sister Rita Michelle Proctor, OSP  
Superior General

Sister Mary Annette Beecham, OSP, Assistant General and First Councillor  
Sister Mary Stephen Beauford, OSP, Second Councillor  
Sister Brenda Elizabeth Cherry, OSP, Third Councillor  
Sister Ana Jovita Hidalgo, OSP, Fourth Councillor

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Many thanks to all of you for upgrading your membership or taking Family and Perpetual Memberships in the Mother Mary Lange Guild. Know that we are grateful for your participation.

If you have paid your membership and have not gotten a letter or card from us, please let us know so that it can be corrected. Thank You.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Annual Individual ..... \$15  
Annual Family ..... \$25  
Annual Student Group ..... \$35  
Annual Organization ..... \$100  
Perpetual Individual ..... \$100  
Perpetual Family ..... \$200



## Speakers Bureau/Pilgrimage

To engage a speaker or plan a pilgrimage for your group call, write or visit our website:  
Mother Mary Lange Guild Office  
701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD 21227  
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## MOVING

Are you interested in receiving The Lange Letter? Please take time to send us your change of address. You may also submit your change of address online at [www.motherlange.org](http://www.motherlange.org)



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### MOTHER LANGE'S ANNUAL BANQUET AWARD RECIPIENT

by Sister Stephen Beauford, OSP

What a wonderful day! I was surprised and delighted to be chosen to receive the Mother Lange Award! Her life depicted a deep faith and love for God and His people. She set the example of how we as religious should live for God and others. Adding to the joy of the day, the pastor, Father Paul Zaborowski and the members of St. Abmrose Parish came to celebrate with me!

Honoring and remembering the life and legacy of Mother Mary Lange will always be a memorable event reminding me to continue to strive and walk in her footsteps!



### HOMECOMING 2017

**Another fun, exciting and successful year. A special "THANK YOU" to all who volunteered, made donations and came out to support. Let's begin now spreading the word and make next year a year to remember. Contact all of the people you know who have been touched by the Oblate Sisters and encourage them to come out and reunite with classmates and their favorite Sisters. We look forward to seeing you again next year!**



### A SPECIAL MOMENT IN HISTORY FOR THE OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE Georgetown University Building Renamed for Pioneer Black Educator Anne Marie Becraft

by Joslyn Alexander

On April 18, 2017 Georgetown University dedicated and renamed their oldest building after Anne Marie Becraft a 19th-century free woman of color. Anne Marie Becraft founded one of the first schools for black girls in Georgetown and later became one of America's first black religious sisters.

In 1831, she left her school in the hands of a promising student and moved to Baltimore to join the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first African American female religious order in the country. She took the name Sister Mary Aloysius.

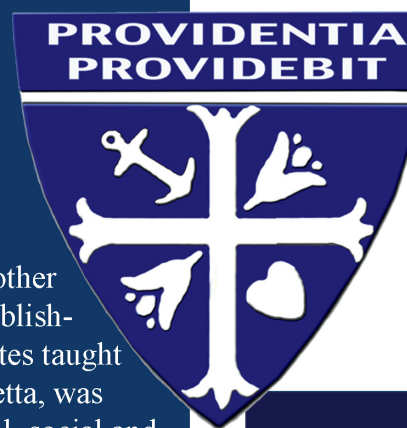
She was a devout Catholic and deeply committed to educating young girls of color in the nation's capital. Though she experienced both anti-Catholic and anti-black intimidation, she nevertheless responded to her calling to teach and to serve God.

Georgetown dedicated another building during the same ceremony in remembrance of Isaac Hawkins. Isaac Hawkins was one of the 272 enslaved people sold by the Maryland Province of Jesuits to Louisiana plantation owners in 1828. A liturgy and other events were also held that day as a beginning of a journey towards healing from the Jesuits of Georgetown's historical ties to slavery and its steps toward contrition and hope.

More information about these pioneers can be found on Georgetown University's website.

# Oblate Sisters in Action

## SPOTLIGHT CHAPTER St. Peter Claver Chapter - St. Inigoes, MD by Ann Loretta Dove, Chairperson



Connected intimately to the historical impact of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, Ann Loretta Dove with Sister M. Virginia Fish, O.S.P. (previous director of the Mother Lange Guild) started the St. Peter Claver Chapter – Mother Mary Lange (SPC-MML) Guild in St. Inigoes, MD in the year 2000. There was no better place for the establishment of this Guild, thought Loretta. After all, St. Mary's County is the "Home of Catholicism." The Oblates taught at St. Peter Claver School and Cardinal Gibbons Institute, and Ann, better known by her middle name, Loretta, was taught by the Oblates themselves. So, Loretta had experienced for herself the profound spiritual, educational, social and economic impact of Mother Lange through the Oblates.

Since the time of its formation, the SPC-MML Guild has been steadfast in its commitment to the cause of the beatification and canonization of Mother Lange. Annually, members pray for the Cause, financially donate to the Cause, hold events for the Cause, and attend events held for the Cause. Specifically, members of the SPC-MML Guild perform the following actions:

- Attend the Celebration of Mother Lange Death and the Re-commitment Programs.
- Hold fundraisers to financially support the MML Guild with our monetary donations.
- Distribute and promote at events the Mother Mary Lange Prayer Cards and the trifold which tells the story of her life at events that they hold as well as other events held at the church.
- Pray the Rosary in our Mother Lange Chapel every Wednesday for the sainthood intention.
- Educate attendees at our annual Labor Day Festival about Mother Lange by distributing literature and prayer cards, having a quiz about her life, and selling Mother Lange Tee Shirts.
- Pray the rosary every Friday as part of the Guild's new CALL TO PRAY THE ROSARY (CPR) Program which was initiated on January 13, 2017. This toll free teleconference program allows anyone in the community to join Guild members in praying the rosary at 2:00 p.m. on Fridays on the telephone (telephone number 1-712-770-4141, ACCESS CODE 894355).

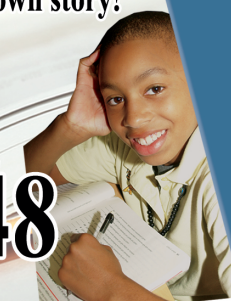
The St. Peter Claver Chapter – Mother Mary Lange Guild in St. Inigoes, MD is forever committed to pressing forward to achieve the goal of the canonization of Mother Lange. Members of the Guild are relying on the Blessed Mother for assistance in this matter as they hold their rosary close and truly believe "that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy (Blessed Virgin Mary) protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided." Amen

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## OSP JUBILEE 2017 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

On August 15, 2017 we celebrated the many years of service of two Oblate Sisters of Providence, Sister Mary John Francis Schilling and Sister Mary Helene Therese Stanislaus, OSP. The day was filled with excitement and joy. Many family members and friends came from near and far to celebrate and worship with the Sisters. Father Paul Zaborowski, OFM, Cap., from St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Baltimore, as usual came out to support and was the celebrant for the celebration mass. After the mass there was a festive reception in Sacred Heart Hall where all in attendance were able to personally greet each one of the jubilarians and enjoy some good food and festive music. We look forward to next year when we celebrate another group of Sisters who have given their lives to God through the service of His people.



### CONGRATULATIONS



It is exciting and encouraging to see the continued growth of the community. We are excited to congratulate Sisters Eva and Stella as they renewed their vows and are eager to continue their commitment to God through the service of His people. Sister Mary took another step on her journey as she professed her first vows as an Oblate Sister of Providence. And last but not least, Sister Mary Pauline entered the novitiate and is prayerfully beginning her journey into religious life. Please keep each one of them in your daily prayers as they continue their walk with the Lord.

### 135TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF THE SERVANT OF GOD MARY LANGE, OSP

By Dr. Kirk Gaddy



On Saturday, January 28, 2017, Oblate Sisters of Providence, Oblate Associates, Oblate Cojourners, Mother Mary Lange Guild Board of Directors, Chapters and guests gathered to recall, remembers and celebrate the historical life and legacy of Servant of God Mother Lange. This year, over 125 guests, especially women religious from other congregations, were blest to have the Rev. Michael Kelley, Pastor of St. Martin of Tours and St. Martin of Tour Choirs to enhance the liturgical celebration.

Sr. Mary Alexis, Fisher, OSP, reminded those gathered at the mass that despite all the challenges in the world today God is still alive, active and in charge! She reminded us that we must keep on praying to God, that in God's time, Servant of God Mary Lange will be raised to the highest honors of the altar in the Roman Catholic Church. In addition, Sr. Magdala Marie Gilbert, OSP, Director of Mother Mary Lange Guild, reminded us to reflect on the tenacity of Mother Mary Lange legacy and to trust in God to see us through any and all difficulties. Sr. Magdala Marie Gilbert, OSP, thanked a ll who attended the celebration and invited all present to join the Guild for fellowship and sumptuous refreshments in the St. Benedict the Moor Room. This year's celebration was definitely a joyful one. Ad Multos Annos!

