

## Mother Mary Lange



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Servant of God Mary Lange (1784-1882) founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence. This religious community allowed African American women to enter religious life. Lange died on February 3, 1882, and was

buried in the Cathedral Cemetery. Her remains were transferred to New Cathedral Cemetery on February 6, 1882.

On May 28, 2013, Mother Mary Lange was exhumed and transferred to the home of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, where she was laid to rest in their chapel. The feast day of Mother Mary Lange is February 03, the date of her death.

Archbishop William E. Lori led an Oct. 23, 2019 groundbreaking ceremony for Mother Lange Catholic School – the first new Catholic elementary school to be built in Baltimore City in nearly six decades. The school is named in honor of Mother Mary Lange, founder of the Baltimore-based Oblate Sisters of Providence (the first religious community of women of African American descent) and St. Frances Academy in East Baltimore (the first Catholic school in the United States for children of color).

Mother Mary Lange Catholic School will be the new home for current students of Holy Angels Catholic School, located on the campus of the former Seton Keough High School in Southwest Baltimore and Ss. James and John Catholic School, located in the Johnston Square neighborhood of East Baltimore. Mother Mary Lange Catholic School opening September 2021.

### Prayer intercession for the Servant of God Mary Elizabeth Lange

Servant of God Mary Lange, please pray  
for racial reconciliation and peace in the  
United States.

Please pray for all children, that they may  
know, love and serve God and their  
neighbor.

Servant of God, Mary Lange, please  
pray for us!  
Amen.