

**ST. URSULA SCHOOL**  
**2020-2021**



**FAST**  
**FORWARD**  
**FRIDAY**

3-26-21

*“Aspire not to have more, but to be more.”*

***Saint Oscar Romero***

 **FAITH FORMATION**

- **Saint for the Week:** **Saint Oscar Romero.** As we continue our yearlong study of “Our Friends in High Places”, this week our community celebrated the life of Saint Óscar Romero. The following offers a few highlights about his life:
  - Óscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdámez was born in 1917 in a small town of El Salvador known as Ciudad Barrios. From an early age Óscar knew he wanted to be a priest.
  - He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of San Salvador in 1942 and by 1967, he would become Bishop of Santiago de Maria.
  - Bishop Romero was horrified by the military actions of the government on the poorest and most vulnerable of his community. In response to the senseless killing, he spoke out against the government and in support of human rights.
  - When he became Archbishop of San Salvador, the nation’s capital, the government began to turn on the Catholic Church, arresting and killing priests and others who protested against the leadership. The government closed Catholic schools, and priests and teachers of religion were tortured and killed. Even possessing a Bible or a hymnbook became illegal.
  - Archbishop Romero became the target of the Salvadoran government’s anger. As a result, on March 24, 1980, he was gunned down by an unknown assassin while celebrating Mass in a small hospital chapel.
  - More than 250,000 Salvadorans attended his funeral.
  - In 2015, Pope Francis declared Archbishop Romero a martyr. And in 2018, the Church formally canonized him as a saint of the Church.
- **This Week’s Mass:** In honor of Holy Week, we will celebrate an outdoor school-wide Mass on Tuesday, March 30. The event will be held on the St. Ursula Church parking lot and will begin at 10:15am. Although parents are not included in this event, please know that we welcome your attendance by joining us via our school **FACEBOOK LIVE STREAMING** of the Mass.

- **Stations of the Cross**: In honor of the beginning of the Holy Triduum, we will celebrate an outdoor school-wide Stations of the Cross prayer service on Thursday, April 1. The event will be held on the St. Ursula Church parking lot and will begin at 10:15am. Although parents are not included in this event, please know that we welcome your attendance by joining us via our school **FACEBOOK LIVE STREAMING** of the event.
- **Holy Week Mass Schedule**: Please join our parish during one of the many religious events that are scheduled during Holy Week. Please refer **HERE** for a copy of the scheduled events and observances.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- **(REMINDER) Arrival and Dismissal Rotation**: The rotational arrangement listed below details the arrival and dismissal schedule through **APRIL 1**. **Please note that we will follow a new schedule once we return to school on Monday, April 12:**
  - 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, April 2 - Friday, April 9**: Easter Break holiday - NO SCHOOL.
- **Monday, April 19**: Lucky 1500 Grand Prize Drawing
- **Friday, April 23**: Race for Education Event
- **Tuesday, May 4**: 7<sup>th</sup> 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

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- **PHSA Virtual Bingo**: The Pay-It link for our first ever Virtual Bingo event will be sent home on Monday, March 29. Be on the lookout for E-Blast for this fast paced and festive event!
- **PHSA Box Top Homeroom Challenge**: Do you have some box tops at home? If so, please send them into class in an envelope marked with your homeroom during the week of April 12th! The homeroom with most box tops will receive a popsicle party on April 19! Please reach out to Ellie Wilfong ([ewilfong2000@yahoo.com](mailto:ewilfong2000@yahoo.com)) with any questions.

Want to learn more about the school reward programs at St. Ursula? Check out this **LINK**.

# UPDATES & REMINDERS

- **Purple Power P.A.C.K. Day:** In support of one of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who is experiencing some significant health issues, we are coming together in support of Kylie Garnett by wearing purple colored attire on Thursday, April 1. That said, your child is asked to join us in our “**Purple Power P.A.C.K. Day**” for Kylie. Please note that there is no fee to participate in this P.A.C.K. Day event.
- **Lucky 1500:** Congratulations to the following randomly generated winners of the Lucky 1500 prize contest for the week of March 22:
  - #546 - S. Noray
  - #284 - R. Greco
  - #1325 - D. Palewicz
  - #460 - T. & M. Maczka
  - #1182 - E. Vandergriff
- **(REMINDER) BOOST Scholarship:** The Maryland State Department of Education BOOST scholarship program will provide over \$7.7 million in nonpublic school scholarships for qualifying students for the upcoming school year. The “BOOST” Program, or “Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today,” helps low-income families to attend nonpublic schools. Apply for a BOOST scholarship at <https://www.marylandboost.org/>. Please be sure that you select St. Ursula School when applying. The application deadline is Friday, April 30. For additional information, please contact - [boost.msde@maryland.gov](mailto:boost.msde@maryland.gov).
- **Women’s History Month:** As we continue celebrate Women’s History Month, this week we offered “this day in Women’s History” information of which highlighted the life and achievements of Sandra Day O’Connor, Gloria Steinem, Matilda Joslyn Gage, Florence Ellinwood Allen and Tara Lipinski (<https://todayinwomenshistory.org/>). Here is a brief description on each historical figures/events we featured this week:
  - March 22: *On this day in 1997, Tara Lipinski, became the youngest women's World Figure Skating Champion. She was just 14 years and 9 months old.*
  - March 23: *Florence Ellinwood Allen, the first woman to serve on a state supreme court and one of the first two women to serve as a United States federal judge, was born on this day in 1884.*
  - March 24: *Matilda Joslyn Gage, a suffragist, and women’s rights and Native American rights activist, was born on this day in 1826. She was a founding member of the National Woman Suffrage Association.*
  - March 25: *Gloria Steinem, women’s rights activist, organizer, and journalist, was born today in 1934. She was the founding editor of Ms. Magazine, and also helped found National Women’s Political Caucus, the Women’s Action Alliance, and the Coalition of Labor Union Women.*
  - March 26: *Sandra Day O’Connor, the first woman U.S. Supreme Court Justice, was born today in 1930.*

## PAY-IT LINKS

- **Golf Tournament**: As a reminder early bird pricing of \$125 ends on March 31. On April 1, the regular fee of \$135 for the Fathers Club Golf Tournament will be required to register. Don't delay, please purchase your ticket today through this **[PAY-IT Link](#)**.

