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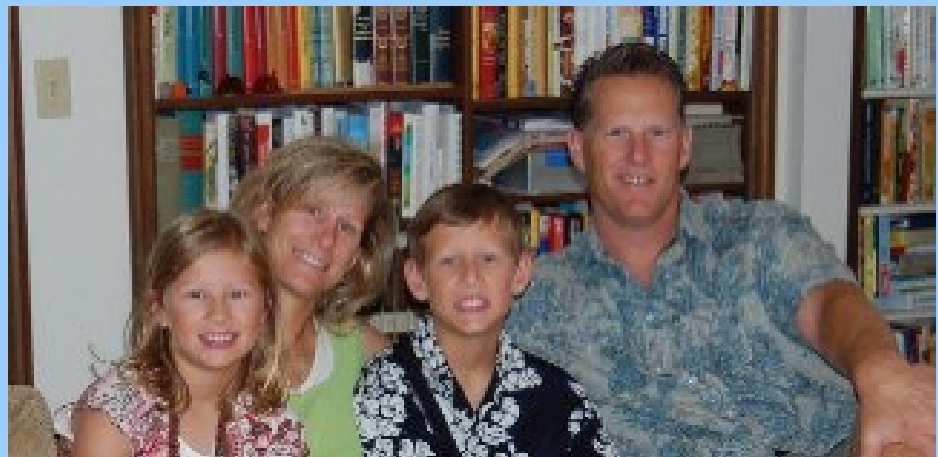
### Newsletter

This newsletter is  
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Welcome the Kuroski Family to The TORCH Leadership Team.....



### **Pope's Intentions – April 2009**

**General:** That the Lord may bless the farmers with an abundant harvest and sensitise the richer populations to the drama of hunger in the world.

**Mission:** That the Christians who work in areas where the conditions of the poor, the weak and the women and children are most tragic, may be signs of hope, thanks to their courageous testimony to the Gospel of solidarity and love.

## Keep Box Tops Coming and don't forget to use your Publix card

If you need a Publix card, please contact Jane Cunningham @ [taxed@bellsouth.net](mailto:taxed@bellsouth.net)  
Torch receives a percentage of all purchases you make at Publix

# FATHER/SON HIKE

Please note this is a new date

**Dear Fathers & Sons:**

Our annual Father/Son Hike will take place **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** at 10am. We will hike the Indian Seats Trail at Sawnee Mountain in Cumming, GA. After the hike, we will enjoy a picnic lunch. We will be meeting at the entrance off of Bettis-Tribble Gap Road. Directions below. Please RSVP to Eric Pfiel [pfie1279@windstream.net](mailto:pfie1279@windstream.net).

You can get more information about Sawnee Mountain at <http://www.sawneemountain.org/>



Camporee 2009 is set for Bald Ridge Creek Campground for September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

This is a faith and fun filled weekend for TORCH. We have only so many sites available so get your reservation in now. Your reservation will be confirmed when your check is received so please pay promptly. The cost is \$50 for the two nights.

This is our 4<sup>th</sup> year at Bald Ridge and it is tons of fun....if you are not the camping type, you and your family may join us on Saturday for a great day of fun, faith and fellowship and for our annual pot luck dinner followed by the campfire songs and rosary.

Andrea McAlister has graciously volunteered to take reservations, so please e-mail her at: [mcalisters@bellsouth.net](mailto:mcalisters@bellsouth.net). Your actual site number will be assigned by a drawing closer to date. You will need to mail your check in to Maria Smith and make it out to TORCH: 2565 Stonevalley Lane, Cumming, GA 30041. Please have checks in by Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> to confirm your site. It is imperative that we receive your money promptly in order to refund our gracious members who have booked these sites on their credit cards.....

Huge thanks to the Palmer's, Schutz's, McAlister's, Cullom's, Smith's, DeLise's and Holtkamp's for securing the sites for all of us to enjoy. This is truly such a generous group. Let's show are appreciation to these families by paying by Good Friday.

## ORDER YOUR DRAMA DVD'S

All drama performances will be videotaped professionally by our very own generous Jim Brooke. These DVD'S are on sale now at all Co-op's and by contacting Kim Welch at [kimkwelch@bellsouth.net](mailto:kimkwelch@bellsouth.net). The profits of these sales help us with our future drama productions. They will also be sold on performance night. GREAT KEEPSAKES AND GIFTS!!!

1 DVD \$5

2 DVD \$8

3 DVD \$12

*Please keep our First Holy Communicants in your daily prayers as they prepare for this most sacred and beautiful sacrament*

*Erik Minter  
Madeline Webber  
Sean Pfiel  
Anna Laarhoven  
Jeremy Welch  
James Whitehead  
Silas Whitehead  
Erin Gallamore  
Grace Brechbill  
Sophia DeLise  
Olivia Clark  
Noah Parkhurst  
Mary Grace U.*



## Dr. Ray Guarendi speaks to TORCH

The doctor is in on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Benedict's in the PLC.

Put this on your calendar now!!! You don't want miss this blessed opportunity

Set your calendars for our annual May Crowning;

May 8<sup>th</sup>

We meet at St. Benedict's for 9am Mass, followed by crowning Mary outside and a light reception with recognition of our First Communicants, graduates or those receiving Confirmation. We have a list of the First Communicants, but need a list of graduates and those receiving Confirmation. Please let Angela know at [jpass1@bellsouth.net](mailto:jpass1@bellsouth.net) along with if you plan on attending this years wonderful event. We also present Father Flood with our monetary gift to St. Benedict's as a thank you for all they do for TORCH.

Book Sale/Swap  
June 5<sup>th</sup>  
After 12:10pm Mass at Webb Bridge Park

Join us for a great day to let the kids play while we shop for used curriculum. Come one and all and sale or swap your books that have been sitting on your home school shelf taking up space and not being used for the last year.

RSVP to Suzanne Holtkamp if you are interested in attending: [holtkamp@baspnet.net](mailto:holtkamp@baspnet.net)

**April: TORCH'S annual Career speakers:**

**A big thank you to Lisa Dickerson for coordinating our March to the Future Career Speakers....TORCH graciously appreciates the time and gifts shared by the Duluth Policeman, Russ Spencer and Margaret Bordeaux**

## Father/ Daughter Dance SOCK HOP



*ROCK'n and Roll'n the night away. What a wonderful evening dads enjoyed with their beloved daughters. So many thanks to all of those who helped this be the best father/daughter dance to date.*



Looking for a host family for TORCH'S annual yard sale!!

Last year we raised \$700 due to the grace of God, generosity of the entire group and the hard work of the Whitehead's. We are looking for another family to begin to gather items and to host the yard sale this summer.

Please let me know if you are that special family....

It is hard work, but it is also a lot of fun and helps TORCH do some really great activities throughout the year.

Kimkwelch@bellsouth.net

## Mother/Daughter Tea

April 18<sup>th</sup>

2pm-4pm

Laarhoven's Home

Please RSVP to Leticia

Leticia.rad@att.net



## Co-op News

What a great and exciting session! Thanks to all our wonderful teachers for donating their time, energy and gifts to this program. Without all of you, there would be no Co-op.

**THANK YOU LETICIA FOR AN OUTSTANDING JOB**

**Lisa Kuroski has graciously volunteered to organize our 4<sup>th</sup> and older students – we need someone to head up the pK3-3<sup>rd</sup> graders**

The word is out that the Co-op will be geared toward electives for the 4<sup>th</sup> and up grades and will be called Fall 101- more exciting details to come...the PK3-3<sup>rd</sup> graders will do something different???????

## Yearbook

The word is out the 2007-2008 yearbook is just around the corner. We thank you for your patience. It will be worth it!

## Spiritual Bouquet for BRIAN MILLER May 10-15<sup>th</sup>

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, Brian Miller, our TORCH-adopted seminarian, will be ordained as a priest. TORCH would like to send him a spiritual bouquet during Holy Week to let him know that we will offer rosaries, masses, holy hours, etc. during the week leading up to his ordination. Please email Maria Smith at [gasmiths@earthlink.net](mailto:gasmiths@earthlink.net) by April 4<sup>th</sup> to let her know what your family would like to offer. Reminder emails will be sent out along the way. Thanks & God bless!

## Community Corner

**Annual Atlanta Home School Conference April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at:  
North Metro Technical College  
5198 Ross Rd.  
Acworth, GA  
30102**

The 2009 Annual Georgia Home Educators Conference is coming to your area on April 30-May 2, 2009. This event will be held at the Georgia International Convention Center, 2000 Convention Ct Concourse, College Park, GA 30337 (off Camp Creek Parkway).

For more information about the 2009 Annual Georgia Home Educators Conference, contact GHEA at: (770) 461-3657 or [info@ghea.org](mailto:info@ghea.org). You can also find them online at <http://www.ghea.org/>.

## WE APPRECIATE AND THANK ST. BENEDICT'S

It's that time of year again to show our deep appreciation and gratitude to St. Benedict's for allowing our group to gather and use their facilities. They are more than gracious to us and are always willing to work with us and our scheduling needs. Please consider what amount your family could contribute this year and mail to Maria Smith at: 2565 Stonevalley Lane, Cumming, GA 30041  
Our monetary gift will be presented to Father Flood at the May Crowning

## DOUBLE-FEATURE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT WITH DRAMATIC FLAIR:

On April 30 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Benedict's PLC, join us in watching Catholic home schooled students perform two intriguing plays. As two despondent, depressed men try to walk into obscurity after their amazing leader is captured and killed, they learn of God's incredible plan through seeing the risen Christ Himself in *The Road to Emmaus*. Then be transported hundreds of years into the future and watch a handicapped young girl experience the Marian apparitions that initiated the miraculous phenomenon in Lourdes, France in *The Smallest of All*. Bring a light snack and beverage to share. Donations appreciated.

### The Legend of St. George and the Dragon Written by Sara Lorusso

Dinner Theater  
April 23<sup>rd</sup>, The Feast of St. George  
6:30pm  
St. Benedict's PLC  
Limited seats still available  
Cost is \$10 per family  
RSVP to Ida Pfiel at [pfie1279windstream.net](mailto:pfie1279windstream.net)

Make checks out to Ida Pfiel and mail to  
492 Shenandoah Drive  
Dahlonega, Ga 30533

Don't miss TORCH'S first ever musical and first ever dinner theatre  
hosted by TORCH and performed by the Co-op 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
students



*Mark your calendars for April 16th*

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**If we had a penny for all the laughs on these great evenings out, we'd all be at the beach right now.....Hea, that's an idea, MNO at the beach....**

### **TORCH Yahoo Group**

Did you realize that you have your very own TORCH Secretary who handles all pertinent information for you?

Your TORCH Secretary is known as [TORCHGA@yahoogroups.com](mailto:TORCHGA@yahoogroups.com)

Some of the timesaver tasks offered by your secretary...

Easily Communicate with all TORCH members

TORCH Calendar with automatic reminder emails

Important documents and information stored in TORCH Files and Database so you rarely have to save a file or email

Upload, View, and/or Save pictures from TORCH Events

Share great ideas...homeschooling activities, tips, recipes, spiritual books, etc.

Links to fabulous Catholic Resources

and so much more!

And it's sooo simple to use!

Please join our group if you haven't already! Details of our next Yahoo Groups contest for all ACTIVE participants will be forthcoming, and a wonderful prize will be awarded. Please contact Maria Smith if you need any assistance getting set up.

# First Friday Field Trips

Thank you Ida and Diane for all your hard work on behalf of our entire group!!

## Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Monastery

2625 Highway 212 S.W.  
Conyers, GA 30094-4044

**April 3, 2009**

Time TBA

We will listen to a talk by one of the Brothers on Monastery Life.

We will view their short video.

We will picnic by the lake if weather permits.

We will have time to spend in the monastery store.

More details to follow as the date gets closer.

**Make a note of the below date change:  
This is 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month and NOT  
First Friday.**

**May 15th**

**Carlton Farms Dairy**

**Rockmart, GA**

**10:am**

**Pack a lunch**

<b>&lt; April 2009 &gt;</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 <b>Field Trip</b>	4
5 <b>Palm Sunday</b>	6	7	8	9	10 <b>Good Friday No Co-op</b>	11 <b>Holy Saturday</b>
12 <b>Easter Sunday</b>	13	14	15	16	17 <b>Co-op #9</b>	18
19 <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	20	21	22 <b>Dress rehearsal 3th/4<sup>th</sup> grade play 6:30pm</b>	23 <b>The Legend of St. George and the Dragon 6:30pm</b>	24 <b>Older Kids Co-op</b>	25
26	27	28	29 <b>Dress rehearsal 5<sup>th</sup> and up 6:30pm</b>	30 <b>The Road to Emmaus The Smallest One 6:30pm</b>		

### **Event Coordinators at a Glance**

- 1) Co-op: Spring - Leticia, [leticia.rad@att.net](mailto:leticia.rad@att.net)
- 2) Field Trip RSVP: Ida Pfiel, [pfie1279@windstream.net](mailto:pfie1279@windstream.net)
- 3) MNO: Angela, [jpass1@bellsouth.net](mailto:jpass1@bellsouth.net)
- 4) CWM: Lisa, [skuroski@comcast.net](mailto:skuroski@comcast.net)
- 5) Meal Angels: Stacy Palmer, [packofpalmers@adelphia.net](mailto:packofpalmers@adelphia.net)

# Kids' Corner

## Luke 22:14-23:56 *"The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ"*

D O R E H C S C S H Q K M P M  
 C D D Y S P U A G S L Q A D Y  
 G Y X G S A R P N Z O S L A H  
 D I S C I P L E S H S R R L G  
 E N Q B K O N N H O E T C N J  
 S O A K E S U H V T E D I F X  
 I O M I T T L E U B A K R A D  
 D S L O N L R J E W S F V I E  
 A U C I J E S A B B A R A B N  
 R S S R V S R A S E A C D P I  
 A E W Z O E T Y G G P A I Q E  
 P J O V B W S Z C E E L Q S D  
 I S R A E L S D T R A U C S B  
 M V D L O F K E B T U M P Y F  
 D E Y F N B R E E S I M O N C

**Find the following words from the Gospel passage:**

APOSTLES

BREAD

CROWS

DENIED

HEROD

JEWS

OLIVES

PETER

SIMON

BARABBAS

CAESAR

CUP

DISCIPLES

ISRAEL

KING

PARADISE

PILATE

SWORD

BETRAY

CROSS

CYRENIAN

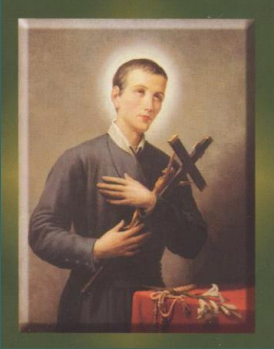
FATHER

JESUS

KISS

PASSOVER

SANHEDRIN



St. Gerard Majella pray for our expectant mothers. Intercede on behalf of those whose hearts are full of hope for the gift of life from our Creator.

## Prayers for Expecting Mothers

- Jennifer Brechbill May 22
- Jennifer Youngman June 25
- Stacy Palmer due Sept. 8
- Stacy Fileccia August 29
- Christy Kwon right after July 4



Don't forget to cook an extra dish for our soon to be new TORCH members!

## Prayer of the Month



*Prayed from Easter Sunday until midday on Pentecost Sunday:*

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. / For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

Has risen, as he said, alleluia. / Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia. / For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Regina  
Caeli