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TORCH'S Theme for the Year

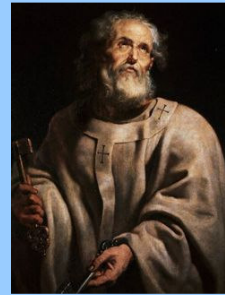
"DOMINION BE HIS THROUGHOUT THE AGES"

1 Peter 5:11

Patron Saint: St. Peter

Peter Facts

Peter was a native of Bethsaida, near Lake Tiberias, the son of John, and worked, like his brother St. Andrew, as a fisherman on Lake Genesareth.



Coming Events:

August

- 8 TORCH Pre-Sale
- 9 Yard Sale
- 16 SmartMartha
- 29 Co-op Starts

Pope's Intentions – August 2008

General:

That the human family may learn to respect God's plan for the world and become ever more aware that Creation is God's great gift.

Mission:

That the answer of the entire people of God to the common calling to holiness and mission may be promoted and fostered by means of careful discernment of charisms and constant commitment to spiritual and cultural formation

TORCH To Do...

- Pray
- Participate in TORCH events
- Volunteer

A Big TORCH Welcome to Our New Families for 2008-09

Alexander, Carlson, Casey-Poulin, Delise, Hansen, Hudson, Joiner, Kelly, Laarhoven, Lynden, Santini, Villacorta, Wells, Wilson



Smart Martha Seminar to be held at St. Benedict Catholic Church on Saturday, August 16, 2008. The seminar begins with 9am Mass and ends at 2:30pm . Cost is \$25 per person which includes a light breakfast and lunch and all seminar materials. *Smart Martha Seminars are designed for busy mothers seeking to live out their vocation as God has called them in today's busy society. Smart Martha Seminars are the result of many years of studying the great home organizers of our time like the Fly Lady, the Side-Tracked Home Executives, the Messies, the Confessed Home Organizer, and many others. It is also the result of living the homemaker vocation seriously for over 20 years with 9 children in tow. The designer and presenter, Tami Kiser, is an author and speaker who resides in South Carolina with her husband, children and many pets.* Email Jennifer Brechbill at attached@bellsouth.net to register by August 1st.

Smart Martha Helpers Needed!

I need at least one other person to help with the set up at 8:00am on Sat Aug 16th for the Smart Martha Seminar. I also need a few volunteers to help with clean up afterwards. Please email Jennifer Brechbill at attached@bellsouth.net - your help is greatly appreciated!

THANK YOU MR. JIM BROOKE

Drama DVD'S are in...the next pick up location will be at the SmartMartha Seminar on August 16th at St. Benedict's or at first Co-op on August 29th.

Contact Kim Welch if these dates are not convenient for pick-up.

Order TORCH T-Shirts Deadline August 1st

Now is the time to order our stylish, easily noticed, and sharp TORCH t-shirts. The cost is \$7 per shirt. We only order once a year!

Contact Carrie Borgerding at carriebg@bellsouth.net if you would like to place your order. These shirts are great to wear at field trips, co-op and other TORCH events.

Fundraising Opportunities

- **Pre-sale for TORCH members on Friday, August 8th, more details to come.**
- **Yard Sale August 9th at the Whitehead's home at 280 Meadow Dr, Alpharetta, GA 30004.**
- **Box Top Collections: Keep those Box Tops coming. Let your neighbors know that TORCH collects them and maybe they can help too! It is a very, very easy way to raise money for TORCH.**

Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry

Give drink to the thirsty

Clothe the naked

Visit those in prison

Need one more family to serve at the Place on **September 24**. We will be feeding approximately 70 people. TORCH funds will assist in providing the lunch; however, individual donations are needed. Lisa will have a box for donations at all Co-ops.

October 4th TORCH will volunteer at the Down Syndrome Walk in Duluth Square from 10 am – 1 pm

Contact Lisa Kuroski at skuroski@comcast.net if you can help.

Shelter the homeless

Visit the sick

Bury the dead

**HAPPY 2022ND BIRTHDAY, MARY!!
YA DON'T LOOK A DAY OVER 30 –
REALLY!!**

Join us this September the 7th for Mary's Birthday Party!!

Main dish will be provided by TORCH – side dishes to be brought by all attending. Sign up sheet to bring food will go out in August. Food, fun, and games for all – don't miss this annual kick-off of our TORCH year!! Location TBD...

Wanna volunteer? We still need someone to coordinate games for this event – if you are interested please email Kathleen McCusker at: triplejmk@bellsouth.net

This is a great event for our new families to meet folks!

Community Corner

Christopher West's Theology of the Body seminar, **“Created and Redeemed” is on Friday, Oct 10th and Saturday Oct. 11th at St. Monica's – tickets are \$12.50**

Don't miss this awesome event. Mr. West is typically booked at LARGE events (coliseums, World Youth Day, conventions – stuff like that) – to have him speak in a more intimate setting is a true blessing. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the beauty and depth of the Catholic Church's teachings regarding sexuality. Tickets are available to St. Monica's parishioners ONLY during August – and will be offered to the public September 1st but if you get on the wait list now you are guaranteed a ticket!! (this saves us money w/ advertising later on) Please email me if you KNOW you will be attending – by the 1st week in September please send me a check (payable to St. Monica's KOC Council #12883) to secure your tickets – if I do not receive payment I will have to let the tickets go. We fully expect to sell out.

This event is appropriate for ages 18 and up!
For wait list/event info contact Kathleen McCusker at: triplejmk@bellsouth.net

TORCH Adopts A Seminarian

Brian Miller

Photo to follow

ORC has adopted 5th year seminarian, Brian Miller, relative of Mr. Miller. The entire ORC children to support Brian with cards & letters of prayers, wishes, pictures, and perhaps some home-baked goods. Each week, he is collected in our support of him in his work, and then he is led to Brian. In return, he offers prayers for our group and pledges to testify about his life as a seminarian.

Dear ORC Families,

I am currently entering my fifth year of the Holy Family Parish. I am currently studying for the diocese of Altoona. If I go according to schedule, I will be ordained in May, 2010 and then ordained the following year to the priesthood.

My journey towards the priesthood begins with my family. I am blessed to be raised in a home where the Catholic faith is a top priority. My parents demonstrate their faith to ensure that their children enter into Catholic school. They so desire that the home of my family attends Mass every Sunday and special devotions throughout the week, e.g. Stations of the Cross and Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

My home pastor Monsignor Losito is the first priest to suggest the possibility of being a priest. He has been in the parish for forty years. There has never been a time when he did not offer being a priest. I hope to continue my priesthood after this, especially after my own and the Holy Spirit.

God bless,
Brian Miller

Lunch and Literature

It's FREE! It's FUN! It's EDUCATIONAL! Join us for Lunch and Literature just before Co-op sessions 2-8. Each grade level from PreK-Middle school will read an outstanding book (or have some read to them). They will discuss the stories, examine literary techniques, ponder deep questions, and enjoy one another's company over a casual sack lunch. (PreK: Storytime-A-Go-Go; K-2: *Winnie the Pooh*; 3rd: *Caddie Woodlawn*; 4th: *The Outlaws of Ravenhurst*; 5th: *The Hobbit*; 6th: *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*; and 7th/8th: *The Fellowship of the Ring*.) The brave at heart are invited to write responses and share them with the others. (No high schoolers have signed up, but if a group wants to form, please let me know. I am open to suggestions.) As with co-op, if you sign up your children, you get to be one of the group leaders. Adult group leaders have little planning to do as we have lesson plans already available. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Stacy Fileccia at stacy_fileccia@charter.net.

Co-op News

Our Fall Co-op is officially closed. If you know of friends who would like to participate, we will be registering for spring session in November.

Karen Wise is doing a sensational job organizing our session on Marine Biology. Bear with her as she attempts to coordinate the mobile lab sessions with the classes. At present, it looks as though 5th grade and up will be able to participate in 2 mobile labs. Some of the younger classes will participate in a couple of labs in a classroom downstairs lead by Christy Kwon and Stacy Fileccia.

Don't forget to have your kids bring their shells, sand dollars, coral, etc....for a show and tell on our first Co-op. If they don't have any of these items, have them bring a favorite ocean book or photo.

The Co-op planning team will be providing you with a helpful resource guide to assist in planning your classes. All class coordinators should contact their assistant teachers as soon as the Co-op class list is e-mailed out. Karen will be e-mailing the cost, schedule of classes, class list and other pertinent information within the first week of August.

I will be sending out the Co-op guidelines packet with more detailed information regarding your participation in our wonderful session.

Angela Whitehead is working on our cleaning crew list so everyone knows which Co-op they are to help with cleaning duties.

1st Co-op is August 29th. Mass is at 12:10pm. Please arrive for payment of Co-op at 1:00pm. Checks are to be made out to TORCH. The amounts will be e-mailed to you the week before Co-op begins.

A big thank you to our fantastic Co-op planning team and their hard work this year. Karen Wise, Angela Whitehead, Stacy Fileccia and Christy Kwon.

Contact Karen Wise with any questions concerning fall session:
Krwise1@comcast.net



Angela Whitehead is coordinating some beautiful Mom's Night Outs for our group this year. The first scheduled MNO is September 15th, with a possible gathering in August, more details to follow.

TORCH MOM's PILGRIMAGE- November 7th-8th

For the first year, our TORCH moms will have the opportunity to make a pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, AL. Our goal is to carpool over on Friday evening. We will either spend one or two nights at Queen of Peace which is 3 miles from the Shrine. The cost is \$25 per person/per night double occupancy. We will have a catered breakfast and lunch on Saturday, November 8th which will cost approximately \$18 per person for both meals. So far, we have 11 moms interested.



Contact Kim Welch at kimkwelch@bellsouth.net

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@yahoogleroups.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

September 5th Field Trip

Elachee Nature Science Center

<http://www.elachee.org/>

11 am to 1 pm

\$7.00 per student

\$5.00 per parent

Under 3 free

The children will be attending one of 3 age appropriate educational programs.
Pack a lunch to picnic afterwards. More details to come...



October 3rd Federal Reserve

For information on Field Trips, contact Ida Pfiel at pfie1279@windstream.net.
To RSVP for a Field Trip, contact Diane Brooks at diane@dig-disc.com

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 TORCH Pre-Sale	9 Yard Sale
10	11	12	13	14	15 Assumption of Mary	16 SmartMartha Seminar
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Co-op Starts 1:00 pm	30
31						

Event Coordinators at a Glance

- 1) Yard Sale: Angela, jpass1@bellsouth.net
- 2) SmartMartha: Jennifer, attached@bellsouth.net
- 3) Co-op: Karen, krwise1@comcast.net
- 4) L&L: Stacy, stacy_fileccia@charter.net
- 5) Field Trip RSVP: Diane, diane@digi-disc.com
- 6) Mary's Party: Kathleen, triplejmk@bellsouth.net
- 7) MNO: Angela, jpass1@bellsouth.net
- 8) Camporee: Ida, pfie1279@windstream.net
- 9) CWM: Lisa, skuroski@comcast.net

Kids' Corner

John 6:51-58

"Whoever eats this bread will live forever"

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

Find the following words from the Gospel passage:

AMEN
 BREAD
 EAT
 FATHER
 FOREVER
 JEWS
 LIVING
 TRUE

ANCESTORS
 CROWDS
 EATS
 FLESH
 HEAVEN
 LIFE
 QUARRELED
 WORLD

BLOOD
 DRINK
 ETERNAL
 FOOD
 JESUS
 LIVE
 SENT

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Prayers for Expecting Mothers

- Stacy Fileccia – April 1
- Diana Connolly due in December
- Kelly Patilla in December
- Tracy Cullom in December
- Carrie Borgerding in Oct/Nov
- Jill Fernando



Don't forget to cook an extra dish or two for our soon to be new arrivals.

If you are expecting please let us know so we can add you to our prayer list.

Prayer of the Month

Prayer for Parish Priests by Saint John Vianney

Dear Saint John Vianney, your childhood dream was to be a Priest, to *win souls for God*. You endured years of toil and humiliation to attain the Priesthood. You became a Priest truly after God's own heart, outstanding in humility and poverty; prayer and mortification. Totally devoted to the service of God's people. The Church has exalted you as model and patron saint of all Parish Priest, trusting that your example and prayers will help them to live up to the high dignity of their vocation to be faithful servants of God's people, to be perfect imitators of Christ the Savior Who came not to be served but to serve, *to give His Life in ransom for many*.

Pray that God may give to His Church today many more Priests after His own Heart. Pray for all the Priests under your patronage, that they may be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd. May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer and penance; be examples of humility and poverty; shining models of holiness; tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God; zealous dispensers of God's Grace in the Sacraments. May their loving devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist and to Mary His Mother be the Twin Fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry.

Amen.