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August

- 15 Dr. Ray Guarendi
- 29 Family Social

September

- 4 Field Trip
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- 11 Co-op Begins
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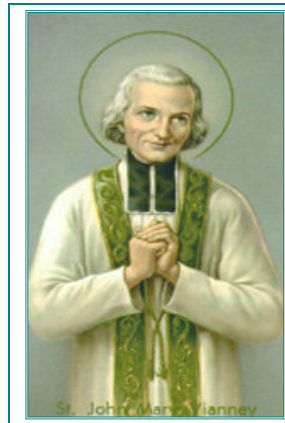
*TORCH To Do...*

- REGISTER!
- Participate in TORCH events
- Volunteer!!!
- RSVP for Field Trips
- Make a Meal for a new mom
- Pray



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## ”The Year of the Priests”



*“Prayer is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself.”*

~Saint John Vianney, Patron Saint of Priests

### Co-op Theme for our 8<sup>th</sup> Year ...

During this “Year of the Priests” let us look to the patron saint of priests, St. John Vianney, as the saint we call on to intercede for our priests and for our TORCH families. We pray that some of our TORCH children will answer God's call to become priests and religious.

*“Let us begin each co-op class with prayers for priests...”*

**5 Our Fathers**

**1 Hail Mary**

**1 Glory Be**

**in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to ask that priests maintain purity and sanctity of life.”**  
*(partial indulgence)*

Thank you to all of the children who entered the contest to select a saint and theme for this year! Congratulations to Patrick Smith, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, whose idea was chosen and who won the \$25 gift card to Border's Books!



**“Don't miss a great opportunity to Snack, Socialize and Skate!!!”**

**August 29th- Saturday**  
**4p-6p**  
**Union Hill Skate Park- off Windward Pkwy**  
<http://alpharetta.ga.us/index.php>

Bring an appetizer to share and drinks for your own family. There are bleachers, but if you would like a more comfortable seat, then bring your own.

There is not a playground, but plenty of roaming around room for toddlers.

**Skates and helmets required - no heely's allowed.**

**There will be time for some roller hockey, so if you have equipment, please bring it to share.**

**All Parents and children are encouraged to skate.**

**RSVP to [Kimkwelch@bellsouth.net](mailto:Kimkwelch@bellsouth.net) with your food item**

## TORCH Registration

**Annual Dues for Holy Family TORCH, our local north Atlanta chapter, are due by Aug. 15th.**

If you have not sent in payment, and wish to renew, please send in your check made out to TORCH to: Maria Smith 2565 Stonevalley Ln. Cumming, GA 30041

Dues will remain the same for the 2009-2010 year. Our local dues are \$23 for Holy Family TORCH membership AND \$12 for TORCH (national) membership, totaling \$35.

**New Families:** To register with TORCH, go to [www.torchhomeschooling.org](http://www.torchhomeschooling.org) and click the **Join Now** button.

**Returning Families:** To renew your TORCH membership, beginning August 1st, go to [www.torchhomeschooling.org](http://www.torchhomeschooling.org) and log in.

**ALL Families:** Note the link for renewal in the **orange information box** at the top of the homepage. Follow the online instructions to **pay by check**. Our local chapter will be sending TORCH National one check, so **do not send them a check**, your payment was/will be included in the \$35 annual dues check that you have either already paid this year, or will be paying by **August 15th**.



## Happy Birthday Mary!

*Gather the family and join us as we celebrate our Heavenly Mother's birthday on Sunday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm at Peachtree Ridge Park in Duluth.*

*Enjoy a catered BBQ for only \$5 per adult and \$3 per child. We will honor Mary by praying the rosary. Field games, relays, flag football and lots of treats for the kids.*

*Please RSVP to Kathleen at [triplejmk@bellsouth.net](mailto:triplejmk@bellsouth.net) by August 30<sup>th</sup>.*

## Corporal Works of Mercy

TORCH Families Serve at "The Place" in Cumming

A big TORCH thank you to all the families who offered their service to feed 100 people on August 5. Andrea McAlister did a wonderful job coordinating the event with Domino's who donated 25 pizzas! The children who served were filled with joy at the opportunity to be the "hands of Christ" to those in need.



Feed the hungry

Give drink to the thirsty

Clothe the naked

Visit those in prison

Shelter the homeless

Visit the sick

Bury the dead

**Action Item: We will be collecting a love offering from TORCH Families at Mary's Birthday Party & our first co-op to cover some of our costs to host this event.**

**Whatever you can give is sincerely appreciated!**

Our gratitude goes out to Andrea McAlister who will be our CWOM Coordinator this year. May God bless her efforts!



*Please extend a warm welcome to our newest TORCH families...*

Aarons	Alexanders
Arendales	Hutchinsons
Jerns	Liuzzis
Marshalls	Mayers
Tauras	Copelands

*For the most current TORCH Directory, log onto our Yahoo site. Click on the FILES tab. Locate our Directory & Print.*



**Save the Date!**  
**Our next Mom's Night Out will be**  
**Monday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>**

*Thanks to Diane Brooke who will be our coordinator this year. If you would like to host a MNO or have a suggestion on a place to meet, please contact Diane at [dn\\_brooke@yahoo.com](mailto:dn_brooke@yahoo.com)*



## Co-op News...

Co-op Classes begin on **Friday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**.

Please meet in the PLC at 1pm so that we may review some of our co-op rules, meet our new families, and meet our teachers for each class!

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to Lisa Kuroski who created and organized co-op for the 4<sup>th</sup> graders and up group who will be participating in several exciting elective classes. Her dedication and flexibility are second to none!

Another **HUGE THANK YOU** to Carolyn Rittmeuller who has planned and organized the classes for our children PK3-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, who will be studying many interesting inventors and creating an invention of their own.

### Epiphany Director: Please Help!

We are in need of someone who is participating in Co-op and working with the younger students this session to volunteer to direct the K-2nd graders in an Epiphany performance. This is not a difficult task! A narrative type story works great. Rehearsal will commence the last 4 co-op's of our fall session with one more rehearsal possibly closer to show time. Please contact Kim Welch for questions and to volunteer.



**TORCH's Annual Camporee**  
**Bald Ridge Campground at Lake Lanier**  
**Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>**

**CAMPING IS AROUND THE CORNER...** All sites are taken at the moment, but if you would like to join us for the day on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> please RSVP to Andrea at [mcalisters@bellsouth.net](mailto:mcalisters@bellsouth.net). Each visitor needs a visiting site assignment. Our Saturday will be filled with prayer, games, & lots of fun! The chili cook-off will be back by popular demand, and the lady to beat is Amy Gallamore.....she took 1st place last year.

**TORCH Fundraising**

Don't forget to save your **Box Tops!**  
 Look for the container to drop them off at each TORCH meeting.

*Special Thanks to Tom Smith, Ron Welch, Rachel & Chris Kujawa for volunteering at Gwinnett Arena in June! Over \$125 was raised for TORCH. To volunteer, please contact Tom Smith at 678-910-0567.*

**TORCH Yearbook**

**Calling All Family pages!!!!!!!**  
**Please turn in your Family Page for the**  
**2008-2009 Torch Yearbook!!**

**What is a Family Page, you ask? It is an area of the yearbook devoted to each family in TORCH so that they may display their family picture(s). The deadline is being extended until **August 21st**....The page may either be emailed or mailed to [cottageonthehill@bellsouth.net](mailto:cottageonthehill@bellsouth.net)**

**The page must occupy 1/2 page. Be creative or be simple, make it a project the kids can work on or drop a family photo in the mail to Lisa Ristuccia.**

# First Friday Field Trips



***Begin by meeting for Holy Mass at St. Monica's at 9am!***



**Join us on September 4th for TORCH's first field trip of the 2009-2010 school year.**

**We will be visiting McDaniel Farm Park in Duluth.**

**Step back in time and experience life on a farm in the early 1900s! The property, a former cotton farm, has been restored to depict a typical 1930's subsistence farm in Gwinnett County. One of the original tenant farmhouses on the property has been restored, as well as the barn, well house, chicken coop, buggy shed and blacksmith shed. The McDaniel Farm House features displays in several of the rooms that can be viewed by visitors.**

**The guided tour of the farm and gardens will last approximately 45 min.**

**The trail is stroller accessible.**

**Tour will start at 10:30, so plan to arrive no later than 10:20.**

**Cost is \$5 per person. Children 3 and under are FREE.**

**Plan to bring lunch and picnic on the farm after the tour. We will have use of a pavillion for free for 1 hour after the tour. There are also additional picnic tables "sprinkled" around the park.**

**Please rsvp to Cindy Laarhoven at [cindy@laarhouse.com](mailto:cindy@laarhouse.com) if you plan to attend, along with the number in your party.**

**Address: 3251 McDaniel Farm Park, Duluth GA 30097**

**Payment for the field trip should be made out to TORCH and mailed to Maria Smith.**

## September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 <a href="#">First Friday Field Trip: McDaniels Farm Duluth</a>	5
6 <a href="#">Mary's Birthday Party</a>  <a href="#">Peachtree Ridge Park</a>	7	8	9	10	11  <a href="#">Co-op #1</a>	12
13	14 <a href="#">Mother's Night Out</a>	15	16	17	18  <b>Camporee</b>	19  <b>Camporee</b>
20  <b>Camporee</b>	21	22	23	24	25  <a href="#">Co-op #2</a>	26

27	28	29	30			
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# Kids' Corner

Matthew 4:12-23

*"Fishers of Men"*

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

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

Andrew	Galilee	John	Naphtali	synagogues
Arrested	Gentiles	Jordan	Nazareth	Zebedee
Capernaum	gospel	kingdom	net	Zebulun
Curing	James	men	Peter	
Fishers	John	mending	Simon	

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### Newsletter

If you have any submissions or suggestions for the newsletter, please email to: [gasmiths@earthlink.net](mailto:gasmiths@earthlink.net)

## Prayers for Expectant Mothers

Stacy Palmer – due Sept.

Stacy Fileccia – due Sept.

Carolyn Rittmueller

Jaqui Hughes

Thanks to **Robyn Costello** for volunteering to organize meals for our new moms! Our new tool, the **Care Calendar**, is a great way to allow the receiving families to see when and what meals are on the way, and for those providing a meal, a glimpse at the schedule of meals to prevent duplication and a reminder email sent to your inbox.

*If you are expecting please let us know so we can add you*



Welcome to our newest  
 TORCH members...  
 4 Baby Girls...

Felicity Youngman  
 Genevieve Brechbill  
 Sarah Kwon  
 Gabriella Minter

Congratulations to  
 their families!!!

## Prayer of the



## Month

## Saint Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,  
 defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.  
 May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
 and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
 by the power of God,  
 thrust into hell Satan,  
 and all the evil spirits,  
 who prowl about the world  
 seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.