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Newsletter

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TORCH'S Theme for the Year

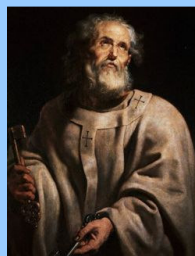
"DOMINION BE HIS THROUGHOUT THE AGES"

1 Peter 5:11

Patron Saint: St. Peter

Peter Facts

Peter was always listed as the first of the [Apostles](#) in all of the [New Testament](#) accounts and was a member of the inner circle of Jesus, with [James](#) and John. He is recorded more than any other disciple, and was at Jesus' side at the Transfiguration, the raising of Jairus' daughter, and the Agony of the Garden of Gethsemane.



Pope's Intentions – December 2008

General:

That in the face of a spreading of a culture of violence and death the Church through her apostolic and missionary activity may promote with courage the culture of life.

Mission:

That especially in mission countries Christians may show with acts of fraternal love that the Child born in the stable at Bethlehem is the luminous Hope of the world.

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
Torch receives a percentage of all purchases you make at Publix

TORCH Annual Variety Show

Have a budding talent you like to try out on your TORCH friends? Perhaps, you are a veteran performer. Either way mark your calendars for the best TORCH family night of the year. January 17th the 4th Annual TORCH variety show hosted by David Palmer. Start time: 6:30 pm. If you want to participate in this exciting evening, contact Stacy Palmer, at packofpalmers@comcast.net with your name & your talent/show idea. We will be asking each participant to bring a drink or snack to share for the intermission. An email will go out closer to the date with the details. Also, the Palmers will be trying to get Fr. Flood to participate. Keep this in your prayers!

Spelling Bee

TORCH's, spelling bee is open to K-and up. This event usually last under 1 hour. Most of the work occurs at home as the kids learn to spell the various words in their age category. A great way to enhance your home schooling year.

The Scripps National Spelling Bee is an educational promotion sponsored by the E.W. Scripps Company in conjunction with more than 280 sponsoring newspapers and organizations around the world. Its purpose is to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabulary, learn concepts and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives. It takes place on two levels: local and national. Sponsors organize spelling bee programs in their locales and send their champions to the finals in Washington D.C. Our TORCH winner will proceed to the next where he/she will compete with other local winners and try to advance.

The National Spelling Bee was begun in 1925. Of the National Spelling Bee Champions, 43 have been girls and 41 have been boys. The 2009 Scripps National Spelling Bee will involve more than ten million students at the local level and 275 national finalists.

Participants must not have reached their 15th birthday on or before Sept. 1, 2008 and must not have passed beyond the eighth grade on or before Feb. 1, 2009. Any student interested can receive a "Spell It!" Tricks and Tips booklet at our first coOp in Jan. Also, visit www.myspellit.com for other activities, a list of "Words You Need To Know" and links to definitions and pronunciations of the words on the Spell It! study lists.

We're looking forward to a fun and educational night on Jan. 29 at 7:00 p.m. when our TORCH family gets together to spell! Email Suzanne Holtkamp at holtkamp@baspnet.net if you have questions.

SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR

TORCH Kid's display some fascinating projects



Mrs. Rittmueller drills Michael on his knowledge of bones.
Boy does he know his bones!

Thanks to RussAnna and Valerie who gave our children such a great opportunity to get excited about learning.....isn't that what home schooling is all about?

Immaculate Conception Mass and Procession

When: Mon, December 8, 7pm – 9pm

Where: Sacred Heart Catholic Church / Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Description: Please join in celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with Mass at Sacred Heart Church followed by a candlelight Procession to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (approximately 1.2 miles). For more information, contact Cyndy Furgiule at (404) 888-7821 or Caf2962@bellsouth.net
Sponsored by the Immaculate Conception Celebration Committee



Dear TORCH Families -

One of the requests made of the Leadership team was that the theme for the Father/Daughter dance be decided earlier to give moms time to make/purchase on sale any necessary items for their daughters. It was decided to keep the dance themes on a rotation and that being the case this years theme is: a 50's SOCK HOP!

DATE: Father/Daughter SOCK HOP will be Saturday, March 21st!

Dads: we expect a very cool looking group of guys that evening - might want to consider letting that hair grow longer (if you stll have hair growing) for that truly, slicked back hair do. Ever want an excuse to buy a leather jacket at Goodwill? Now you have one.

Ladies: get to practicing those swing moves with your daddy! This will be a fun night of retro dance and decor! Ask Grandma and Grandpa for some ideas on what to wear!!!

Moms: is YOUR dad in the area? Want to invite him to the dance? Don't be bashful...ask your dad to the Father/Daughter dance!! (I'd ask my dad but with gas prices making airline tickets so expensive I am guessing a round trip ticket from Heaven to earth is likely out of our price range).

The F/D dance committee will meet in early November to nail down all the details - if you have any questions feel free to email me, Kathleen, at: triplejmk@bellsouth.net

Enjoy making your plans as we enjoy planning this memorable event for all you dads and daughters!!! God Bless, Kathleen McCusker

Meet Allen Hunt in Person at St. Peter Chanel

Tuesday December 9th 7-9pm

FREE in the main church

A personal witness of Conversion to the Catholic Faith by former pastor of Mt. Pisgah Methodist Church in Alpharetta.

Allen Hunt, host of the Allen Hunt Show, visits St. Peter Chanel to share the story of his conversion. Allen will discuss the universal call to holiness and tell the story of his personal journey to the Catholic Church. A period of Q&A will conclude the talk, followed by a light reception. Arrive early to be assured of a seat. There is no cost to attend. For more information contact Deacon Mike Bickerstaff at 678-832-1228.

March for
life.....

January 22nd

Feed the
hungry

Give drink
to the
thirsty

Clothe the
naked

Visit those
in prison

Corporal Works of Mercy

Shelter
the
homeless

Visit the
sick

Bury the
dead

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Advent Night

Thank you SO much for your generosity with supporting our adopted families. Please bring the gifts to Advent Night wrapped and tagged for the identified person. In case you didn't have an opportunity to visit our display during the last 2 co-ops, you may select a gift to purchase from the following list:

Timeka's Family

Gift card to Walmart, Target, or Kroger : Timeka's Family

Picture Frames (5 X 7) or (8X10) : Timeka's Family

Warm under layer (size 6M), PJs (size 6M) and booties : Rashawn – Male

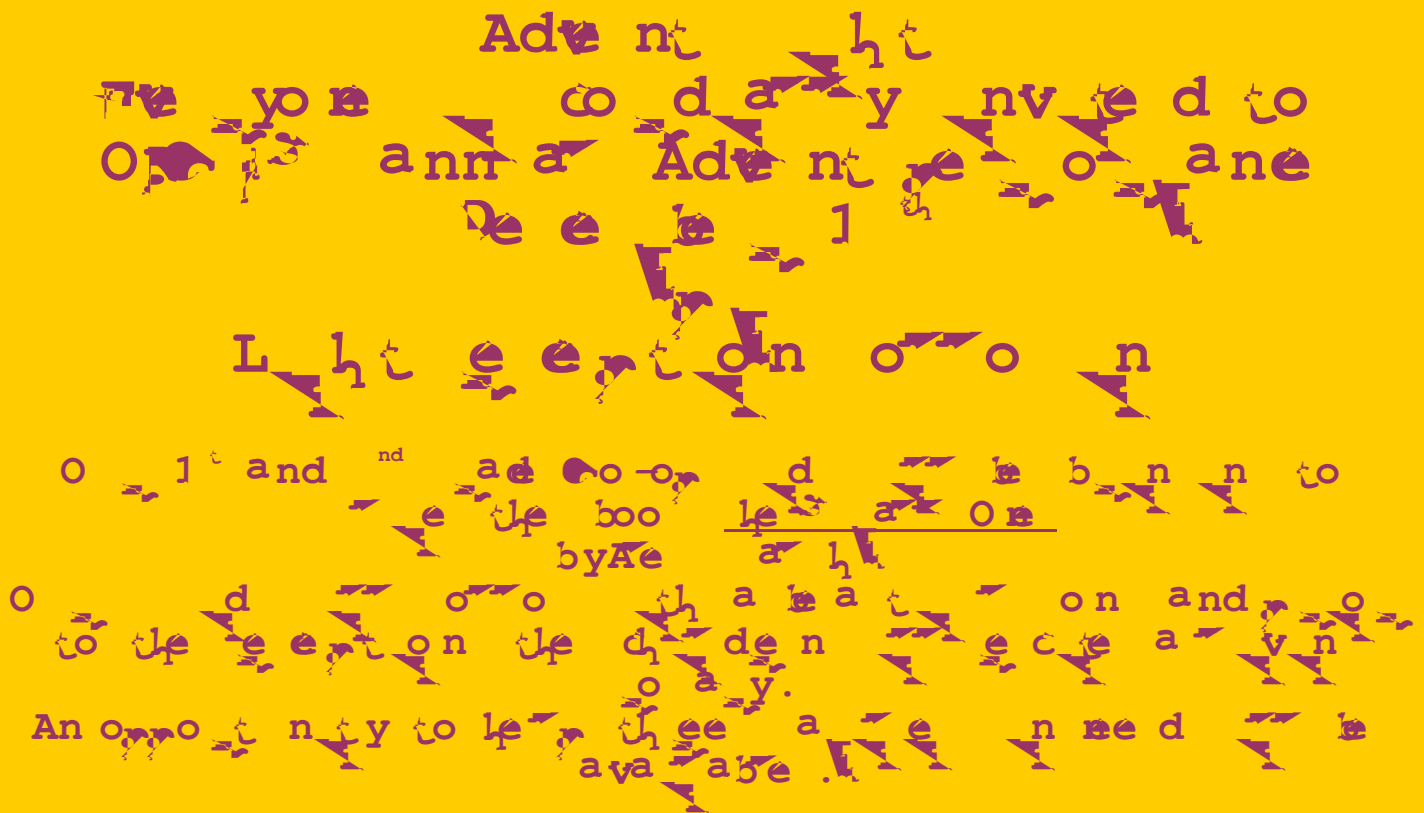
If you select a gift to purchase, please email Lisa Kuroski at skuroski@comcast.net.

Beanie Babies for the Sidewalk Ministry

Thank you to all who donated beanie babies to the Sidewalk Ministry. I will be delivering the beanie babies to Nancy Jaeger next week and I will continue to bring a basket to Spring Co-op on Fridays so children and families can continue to support this ministry by donating new or used beanie babies.

TORCH Adopts A Seminarian Brian Miller

Don't forget to bring your photos, gifts, or letters for Brian at Advent Night. Maria will bring the gold box and you can place your items in there. How wonderful for him to receive a package from his friends of TORCH. If you won't be present at Advent night, please mail items to Maria Smith at 2565 Stonevalley Lane, Cumming, GA 30041. Please continue to pray for Brian in your family prayers.



Contact Diane Brooke at dn_brooke@yahoo.com

Lunch and Literature

Thanks to all the leaders and all the students who participated in this great book club. Special thanks go to Stacy Fileccia who not only donated all the teacher resources, but also coordinated our meetings weekly.

Co-op News

What an awesome session!! Karen Wise stepped in and did an OUTSTANDING JOB!! Everyone is on fire about marine biology. Thanks to all the teachers who worked so hard and sacrificed so many hours to bring a class together for our kids. This was surely one of our best sessions ever. If you have any suggestions for future sessions or ideas on how we might improve Co-op, please let me know at kimkwelch@bellsouth.net

Registration for Spring Co-op has closed. We have a really great group for spring and are looking forward to January already.

PK3-2nd grade will be participating in the Blue Knights/Little Flowers virtue club. 3rd and up will be performing in one of the plays listed below.....

A "Peace" of the Word

Great news for our spring Co-op moms teaching the nursery-2nd grade. Suzanne Holtkamp will be offering a liturgical study during Co-op. Once we have our teachers, we will organize a rotation system. This is not something that you need to do any preparation. It is designed to draw you closer to the readings of the week and journey to a deeper peace as your walk with Christ continues.

DRAMA DETAILS

3rd and 4th grade will be performing the musical The Legend of Saint George - more details to come....

5th Grade an older Spring Drama Auditions



Here's how it will work:



DECEMBER 18th

This special night is in the process of being organized and more information will follow.

Contact Angela Whitehead at jpass1@bellsouth.net

TORCH MOM'S PILGRIMAGE

Nine ladies journeyed to the Shrine in Hanceville, AL and nine ladies returned touched by the holiness of this beautiful place.

We are presently planning a pilgrimage in 2009 for men and boys. Our new friend Br. Juan looks forward to their visit. More details to come.

Thank you for all your prayers.



TORCH Yahoo Group

First Friday Field Trips

Georgia Aquarium Field Trip

What a great and wonderful day!!! All 186 TORCH folks enjoyed this field trip. Kids are still talking about it and will be for months and months to come. Thanks again Ida and Eric for making this day a special one.



NO FIELD TRIPS FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Immaculate Conception of Mary Archdiocese Immaculate Conception Mass and Procession	9	10 Advent Night 7:00 pm	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Drama Tryouts 3 – 6 pm MNO	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Event Coordinators at a Glance

- 1) Co-op: Spring - Leticia, leticia.rad@att.net
- 2) Field Trip RSVP: Ida Pfiel, pfie1279@windstream.net
- 3) MNO: Angela, jpass1@bellsouth.net
- 4) CWM: Lisa, skuroski@comcast.net
- 5) Meal Angels: Stacy Palmer, packofpalmers@adelphia.net
- 6) Advent Night: Diane Brooke, dn_brooke@yahoo.com
- 7) Spelling Bee: Suzanne Holtkamp, holtkamp@baspnet.net
- 8) Variety Show: Stacy Palmer, packofpalmers@adelphia.net

Kids' Corner

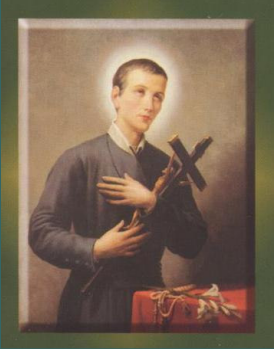
Mt 1:18-24

"They shall call Him Emmanuel"

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

Find the following words from the Gospel passage:

angel	Christ	divorce	Jesus	righteous
awoke	commanded	dream	Joseph	Spirit
betrothed	conceive	Emmanuel	Mary	virgin
birth	David	Holy	prophet	wife



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

- Diana Connolly due in December 4th
- Kelly Patilla in December 27th
- Tracy Cullom in December
- Becky Lambert due Feb 11th
- Jill Fernando due Feb 23
- Jennifer Brechbill May 22
- Rebecca Urbanczyk March 3rd



Thank you Angela for coordinating our meal angels for years!! Job very well done and so many people were blessed by your efforts. Stacy Palmer has graciously volunteered to take over this role. Thanks Stacy.

[Don't forget to cook an extra dish for our soon to be new TORCH members!](#)

Prayer of the Month

Advent Prayer

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.

