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Upcoming Events:

(All @ St. Benedicts unless specified)

February

- 8 Co-op #3
- 8 Spelling Rnd 2 Finalist
- 11 Home School Mass
- 15 Co-op #4
- 16 King's Court Ball
- 19 MNO
- 22 Co-op #5
- 22 Fish Fry – Fr Flood B'day
- 29 Co-op #6

TORCH To Do...

- Lenten Sacrifices
- Participate in TORCH events
- Volunteer
- RSVP for Field Trips
- Pray

Pope's Intentions - February 2008

General:

That the mentally handicapped may not be marginalized but respected and lovingly helped to live in a way worthy of their physical and social condition.

Mission:

That Institutes of Consecrated Life, so flourishing in mission countries, may rediscover the missionary dimension and, faithful to the radical choice of Gospel counsels, be generous in bearing witness to Christ and proclaiming Him to the ends of the earth.

THE KING IS GIVING A BALL!

This February the sixteenth, in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, the King of Kings will host the "King's Court Ball" - a dance for all young maidens of the realm and their most noble fathers. Festivities begin at 7:00 p.m. with dancing, delicacies and dueling (OK, maybe no fighting, I was going for alliteration and it fit). Surprises and prizes await all who attend!! If your household has yet to reply please do so at once to: Lady Andry at krandry@bellsouth.net The King's treasurer suggests a donation of \$15 per family. Any questions may be sent to: triplejmk@bellsouth.net. The King eagerly awaits your arrival on the sixteenth....



Domino's Pizza Fundraiser

Jane has found another way to raise money for TORCH events.

On sale now, for \$10 a card. Each card contains 10 coupons. TORCH makes \$9 per card. Cards will be on sale at Co-op this Friday, only a few remain.

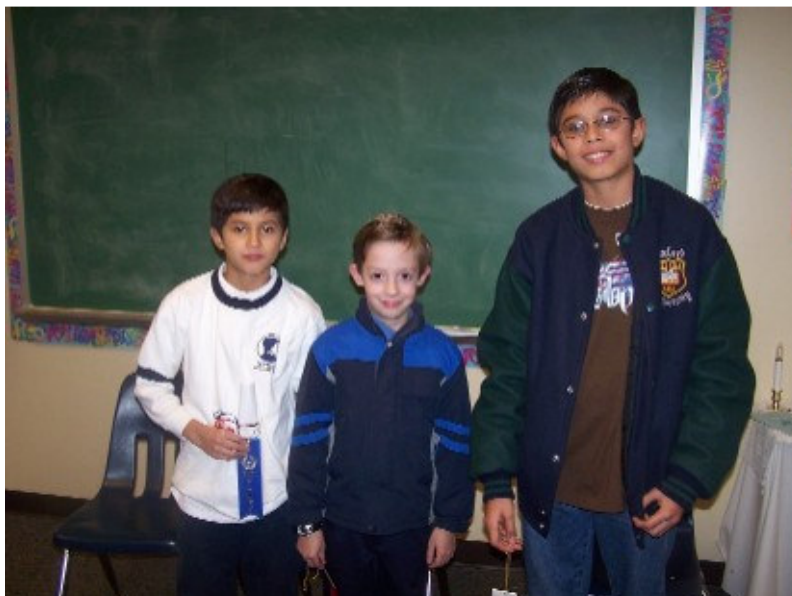
Get em while their HOT!!!

Contact Jane at taxed@bellsouth.net

Spelling Bee Recap

The Spellers all did a fantastic job this year. We went further in our rounds than last year. TORCH has some smart kids and that is a fact. This year we have two qualifiers for the second round of competition: 1st place Johan Ruiz, 2nd place Joshua Baker. In the alternate position is Kevin Ruiz. Please keep them in your prayers this week as they brush up on their spelling words. They will compete Friday, Feb. 8th at 3:30pm. If any of you are available for cheering, join them at :

Revival Center
1770 Cedars Rd.
Lawrenceville, GA
30045



Welcome to the Father/Son Hike!!

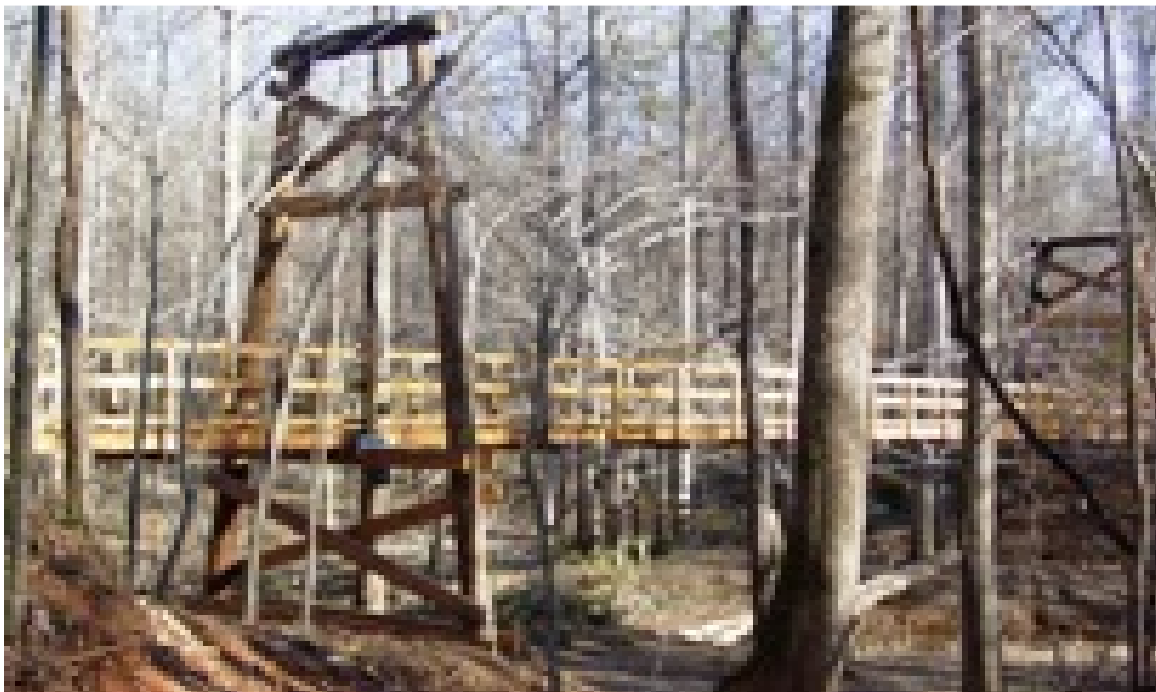
Save the Date: March 8th at 10:30 a.m.

*We will meet at 10: 30 a.m. on Saturday March 8th, starting at the Elachee Nature Science Center in Hall County.
2125 Elachee Dr. Gainesville GA 30504
770-535-1976*

The trail is off of 985 near Gainesville. Participants will probably want to mapquest to plot their course, and estimate drive times, etc.

*Please RSVP to
Peter Ristuccia
770-205-8795
cottageonthehill@bellsouth.net*

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





Home School Mass

All are invited to attend the Home School Mass with the Archbishop on Monday, February 11th at 10:00am at the Cathedral of Christ the King. Hope to see TORCH families in attendance. Mark your calendar now!

Career Speakers Needed

Mr Borgerding is scheduled as our first Career speaker for February 8th. He is a co-pilot and will begin his talk after 12:10pm Mass. You do not have to be a Co-op participant to come.



We currently have openings for February 15th and February 29th if anyone knows someone who would like to share their educational and job experience with our boys and girls.

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.

For any High School home schoolers interested in ETA Sigma Alpha National Home School Honor Society please contact Mike Kujawa at jnoaubrey@comcast.net.

Our yard sale next year is scheduled for June 7th at the home of the Whiteheads. Angela has asked me to let everyone know that beginning after Christmas as you clear out your old stuff, please give her a call and set up a drop off time for your items. She will store them at her house for our soon to be success yard sale. Her number is: 678-339-0618.

Co-op News

Thanks for a smooth running Co-op session thus far. Your generosity and flexibility are greatly appreciated. I am still trying to iron out the use of the playground for TORCH. As of now, virtue classes are not allowed on the playground, but may use other open areas outside. Be very careful with children outside and near the parking lot.

Drama rehearsals are going very well. We appreciate the help of all our moms in bringing these productions to the stage.

People are already asking about our academic session in the fall. If you have some really great ideas for our topic, please let me know.

February 15th is the Co-op closest to St. Valentines Day. Many of our children like to exchange cards and candies. Please have your children bring them to Co-op to share if they would like.

Kimkwelch@bellsouth.net

Feb 19th



Join us at the Atlanta Bread Co. on exit 14th at 7pm for a continuation of Patty's discussions in January. Come prepared to share your typical home school day in order to inspire each other with new ideas to implement. "Share a day and a meal".

March MNO –

This MNO is dedicated to discussing the wonderful book: Left To Tell by Immaculee Ilibagiza. This is an amazing story of faith and forgiveness. Location for our discussion TBA. You do not have to read the book to come. You can still gain a lot of insight and communicate your thoughts and inspirations by just being present.

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

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.

Fish Fry at St. Benedict's

I know most parishes have fish fries during Lent; however, February 22nd they are having a birthday celebration for Father Flood at the St. Benedict's fish fry. It would be great to see some TORCH faces there to say a big happy birthday to Father.

Fundraising

Don't forget your box tops this Friday and every Co-op Friday. Look for the container and lets raise some money for TORCH.

Contact Jane Cunningham at taxed@bellsouth.net



First Friday Field Trips

February 29:

The FISH field trip is at 10:30

March 7:

The FISH field trip is at 11:00

Join us after the March 7th field trip at St. Andrew's Catholic Church for outdoor Stations of the Cross. Pack a lunch and weather permitting, kids can play at nearby park.

Any questions contact Jennifer Minter at jenniferminter@hotmail.com

**All begin with 9:00am Mass at St. Benedict's
More detailed information to follow**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <u>First Friday Field Trip TBA</u>	2
3	4	5	6 <u>Ash Wednesday</u>	7	8 <u>Co-op #3 / Career Speaker</u> <u>Spelling Bee 2nd Round</u>	9
10	11 <u>Home School Mass</u>	12	13	14 <u>St. Valentine's Day</u>	15 <u>Co-op #4 / Career Speaker</u>	16 <u>King's Court Ball</u>
17	18	19 <u>MNO</u>	20	21	22 <u>Co-op #5</u> <u>Fish Fry – Fr Flood B'day</u>	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 <u>Co-op #6 / Career Speaker</u>	

Kids' Corner

Luke 6:17, 20-26

"The Beatitudes"

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

Find the following words from the Gospel passage:

BEHOLD
 CONSOLATION
 EVIL
 HEAVEN
 JERUSALEM
 LAUGH
 PROPHETS
 SIDON
 WEEPING

BLESSED
 DENOUNCE
 EXCLUDE
 HUNGRY
 JUDEA
 LEAP
 REJOICE
 TWELVE
 WOE

COASTAL
 DISCIPLES
 HATE
 INSULT
 KINGDOM
 POOR
 SATISFIED
 TYRE

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Prayers for Expecting Mothers

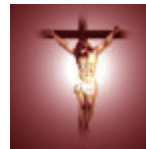
- Robyn Costello due April
- Paige Lemoine due May
- Paula Leiching



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



The Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me
Body of Christ, save me
Blood of Christ, inebriate me
Water from Christ's side, wash me
Passion of Christ, strengthen me
O good Jesus, hear me
Within Thy wounds hide me
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee
From the malicious enemy defend me
In the hour of my death call me
And bid me come unto Thee
That I may praise Thee with Thy saints
and with Thy angels
Forever and ever
Amen