

Jan / Feb 2009

Volume 7, Issue 6

St. Peter Pray for Us

Chapter Leaders

Mark and Kim Baker
678-513-1792

Ron and Kim Welch
770-663-7893

Tom and Maria Smith
770-888-4696

Patrick and Kathleen
McCusker 678-373-3650

Eric & Ida Pfiel
706-867-7990

Web:
www.holyfamilytorch.com

Phone:
Kim Welch
(770) 663-7893

E-Mail:
kimkwelch@bellsouth.net

Newsletter

This newsletter is
produced monthly by
The Holy Family TORCH.

If you have any
submissions for the
newsletter, please email
to:
kimkwelch@bellsouth.net



TORCH'S Theme for the Year

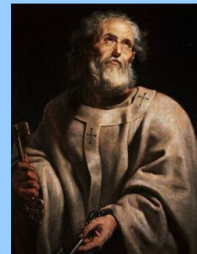
"DOMINION BE HIS THROUGHOUT THE AGES"

1 Peter 5:11

Patron Saint: St. Peter

Peter Facts

He helped organize the Last Supper and played a major role in the events of the Passion. When the Master was arrested, he cut off the [right](#) ear of a slave of the high [priest Malchus](#) and then denied [Christ](#) three times as the [Lord](#) predicted. Peter then "went out and began to weep bitterly".



Pope's Intentions – February 2009

General: That the Pastors of the Church may always be docile to the action of the Holy Spirit in their teaching and in their service to God's people.

Mission: That the Church in Africa may find adequate ways and means to promote reconciliation, justice and peace efficaciously, according to the indications of the Synod of the Bishops' Special Assembly for Africa.

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

Another great evening to remember until the next show!
Gavin Wise was one of this year's greatest highlights. He sang a song from Winnie the Pooh.
Way to go Gavin!!!



Thanks to Stacy, David, Jake and to Ruth and Danny too! Oh, and Mr. Welch for sound and Josh for lights!

Spelling Bee

4th-8th grade spellers will have a spell off this Friday-the 23rd of January immediately following Co-op. This should only take about 30 minutes.

K-3rd grade will have their spelling bee on **January 29th** in the downstairs classrooms at St. Benedict's beginning at 7pm.

All participants will receive a prize and a certificate of participation.

Email Suzanne Holtkamp at holtkamp@baspnet.net if you have questions.

MOM AND DAD, YOU NEED TO SEE THE DOCTOR....

Dr. Ray Guarendi speaks to TORCH

The doctor is in on Saturday, August 15th at St. Benedict's in the PLC. What, no ailments? This is no ordinary doctor and unless you were just canonized the single most holy and perfect parent in history you do NOT want to miss the GREAT event!

Want to laugh and learn at the same time? How about guffawing and growing in holiness as a parent – all at once? Then join TORCH for Dr. Ray Guarendi's luncheon talk on August 15th 2009 – mark your calendars now!!

Dr. Ray is a father of 10, clinical psychologist, author, public speaker, and radio host – he is featured on Ave Maria radio (“The Doctor Is In”). Here are his book titles: *Discipline That Lasts a Lifetime*, *You're a Better Parent Than You Think!*, *Back to the Family*, and *Good Discipline, Great Teens*. You can check out clips of his talks at his website: <http://www.drray.com/sample.htm>

(Warning: use the restroom before watching....you'll thank me for that tip later on)
Dr. Ray is hilarious while giving faithful and faith filled advice on raising well behaved children – he has the experience to back it up – plus, your attendance at this event gets Dr. Ray's personal talk show guarantee (that being that your child will never end up on an afternoon talk show whining about you).

It is truly a blessing we can host this event and we hope you will save the date NOW and plan on attending – the event will include lunch. We will send out more information as the details are nailed down. This talk is specifically focused on the HOME SCHOOL community – a talk geared toward traditional schooling families will



LET'S GO TO THE HOP!

The annual Father/ Daughter dance SOCK HOP is coming!!! Pull out the sewing machine and whip up a poodle skirt NOW! Grab dad and make him practice his swing dance moves! Go to Goodwill and find that cool leather jacket you always thought you deserved. Get ready....cause its gonna be more fun than hula dancers at a hula hoop contest!!! Get those Chuck Taylor's out of the attic, dads – borrow moms loafers, ladies, or a friends saddle shoes and pull all that hair back into the tightest pony tail EVER (the kind where your eye lids start pulling back off your face!). However you prepare, you do NOT want to miss this event!!!

Saturday – March 21st – TORCH'S Father/Daughter SOCK HOP – at St. B's dance room – 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**ST. B'S DINER IS OPEN 7:00-7:45 (featuring a full 50's menu)
SODA FOUNTAIN IS OPEN ALL EVENING!**

Dads, pick up your special bobby socker (be sure to ASK her to the dance well in advance!) and bring her to the swingiest party in town! Food, fun, pictures and prizes – don't miss the fun!!!
MORE INFORMATION TO COME! MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

March for life.....January 22nd, This Thursday.....

Shrine of the Immaculate Conception	9:30am Rosary
	10:00am Mass
State Capital Steps	Speakers
Silent Memorial Walk	Starts at the corner of the Capital

Hope to see TORCH faces in memory of all the many sweet faces that were aborted.

We usually gather at the starting point of the walk – corner of the Capital.

Feed the
hungry

Give drink
to the
thirsty

Clothe the
naked

Visit those
in prison

Shelter
the
homeless

Visit the
sick

Bury the
dead

Corporal Works of Mercy

Thanks go to Lisa Kuroski for coordinating such a beautiful offering of love on behalf of TORCH to the Sagers and to Timeka's family too along with three other \$50.00 gift cards given to those in need. Thank you TORCH members for all your generosity.

There will be many more opportunities to be the hands, hearts, and voices of Christ during our new 2000 year. Information to come on each opportunity.

TORCH Adopts A Seminarian Brian Miller

Please continue to pray for Brian in your family prayers.



Co-op News

Our awesome Spring session begins this Friday!! Can you believe it????

Please arrive at 1:00pm at the PLC with your check made out to TORCH for the amount requested for participation.

Leticia Radney has worked diligently getting our class lists together. Please remember our Peaceful Presence motto and ALL parents please make sure that ALL children are behaving respectfully while on St. Benedict's property. This is our Lord's house, let us act as such.

Please remember to make sure that you can assist in clean up on the date that you are assigned. It takes the part of the entire group for this Co-op to run smoothly.

Let's not forget to ask our patron saint, Saint Peter for his intercession for a safe, faith filled and enriching Co-op.

Dismissal will run like last session.....we will dismiss alphabetically from the rooms downstairs.

A "Peace of the Word" will begin on 1/30 led by Suzanne Holtkamp

DRAMA DETAILS

This year is really shaping up to be one great opportunity for our kids. Valerie and I are both thrilled to be doing plays that will reflect the beauty of our Catholic Faith. It is a joy to direct your children and we both feel honored for this privilege. It is our prayer that their faith be enriched and they grow closer to Christ during this rehearsal process and that our productions and everything we do will Glorify God!!!

3rd and 4th graders will meet in rooms 25/26 downstairs for our first Co-op on the 23rd.

5th & up grade and up will be in the PLC for our first Co-op. Please make sure that your kids are working on their lines each week. This makes our rehearsals run so much more smoothly and allows us to work deeper on other drama details.



Thanks to Angela and Diane for our financial tips and tight wad savings ideas. Special thanks to Stephanie for opening up her lovely lake house to all of us.

Mark your calendars for Februaryth and Marchth. Our next two opportunities to come together in faith, friendship and fellowship ..

FATHER/SON HIKE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 28th

Dust off those hiking boots and backpacks
This is a great outdoor day for dads and sons
Location to be determined and more information to come

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.

First Friday Field Trips

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

February 6th

**We will be touring one of our local Trader
Joe's
More details to come**

March 6th

**We will be going to Flashback
Motorworks**

< February 2009 >						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 HS Mass	4	5	6 Field Trip Trader Joe's	7 Father/Son Shrine Trip
8	9	10	11	12	13 Co-op #3	14 St. Valentine's Day
15	16	17	18	19	20 Co-op #4	21
22	23	24 MNO	25 Ash Wednesday	26	27 Co-op #5	28

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, packofpalmer@adelphia.net
- 6) Spelling Bee: Suzanne Holtkamp, holtkamp@baspnet.net
- 7) Father/Daughter dance, Kathleen McCusker, triplejmk@bellsouth.net

Kids' Corner

Mark 2:18-22 "No one pours new wine into old wineskins."

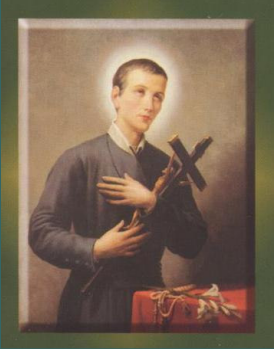
S T Q N E K N U R H S N U S B
 Q E F U L L N E S S R O N E Q
 W F L N E K A T W U X I B E L
 G E A P R K F H I Q K X I S S
 U S D S I D A N E S M O A I B
 E R L D T C E O E J O H N R A
 S U Y U I D S N L Y I V I A W
 T O T G U N I I G C A D A H A
 S P D Q F W G V D W E E K P Y
 Y L V R Y Q R E H G M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

Find the following words from the Gospel passage:

AWAY
 DISCIPLES
 FULLNESS
 PHARISEES
 TAKEN
 WINESKINS

BRIDEGROOM
 FAST
 GUESTS
 POURS
 UNSHRUNKEN

CLOAK
 FRESH
 JOHN
 RUINED
 WEDDING



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

- Becky Lambert due Feb 11th
- Jill Fernando due Feb 23
- Jennifer Brechbill May 22
- Rebecca Urbanczyk March 3rd
- Stacy Palmer due Sept. 8th



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

Prayer of the Month



St. Therese of Lisieux

A MORNING PRAYER WRITTEN BY ST. THERESE

O my God! I offer Thee all my actions of this day for the intentions and for the glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I desire to sanctify every beat of my heart, my every thought, my simplest works, by uniting them to Its infinite merits; and I wish to make reparation for my sins by casting them into the furnace of Its Merciful Love.

O my God! I ask of Thee for myself and for those whom I hold dear, the grace to fulfill perfectly Thy Holy Will, to accept for love of Thee the joys and sorrows of this passing life, so that we may one day be united together in heaven for all Eternity.

Amen.