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Upcoming Events:

(All @ St. Benedicts unless specified)

January

- 14 Mom's Night Out
- 18 Co-op #1
- 22 March for Life
- 24 Spelling Bee
- 25 Co-op #2

TORCH To Do...

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



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Pope's Intentions - January 2008

General:

That the Church may strengthen her commitment to full visible unity in order to manifest ever more clearly her nature as a community of love in which is reflected the communion of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Mission:

That the Church in Africa, preparing to celebrate the second Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for Africa, may continue to be a sign and channel of reconciliation and justice in a continent still suffering from war, exploitation and poverty.

TORCH TALENTS SHARED



The missionary opening act set the tone for the evening. Many more wonderful acts followed. God's gifts are many to the TORCH group.

Thank you Stacy Palmer for organizing, David Palmer for MCing, and Stephanie Doyle for coordinating food.

Prepare your gifts to share at next years show.



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

Advent Night

What a beautiful way to celebrate Advent with our TORCH friends. The singing was beautiful. Thanks go to Jennifer for leading our performers. Thanks also to Eve Wise for playing the piano so nicely. And, of course, really big thanks go to our waiters for the evening. Splendid job!!



THE KING'S COURT BALL



By order of royal command all Gentlemen of the Realm (fathers) are requested to escort all eligible ladies of the realm (daughters) to the 'King's Court Ball' this coming February the 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the evening. Invitations to said event are forthcoming. An experience of Medieval feasting awaits you all! Inquiries about the ball may be sent to Lady McCusker at triplejmk@bellsouth.net. To RSVP please contact Lady Andry at krandry@bellsouth.net. Royal fashions are most welcome - Gentlemen coming in court attire are eligible to win a very special award!! Prizes and surprises await you all....

Corporal Works of Mercy

St. Therese Purse on Advent Night

A big TORCH thank you to all the families who contributed to our December Corporal Work of Mercy, St. Therese's Purse. We raised \$540.00 in gift cards and cash for three local families with special needs.

What a blessing!

Feed the hungry

Give drink to the thirsty

Clothe the naked

Visit those in prison

Shelter the homeless

Visit the sick

Bury the dead

Spelling Bee

Learn your words as the spelling bee is fast approaching:

January 24th at 6:30pm.

Visit http://holyfamilytorch.com/spelling_bee.html for your word lists

Contact Bonnie at bonniesager@peoplepc.com if you have any questions or can help out as more volunteers are needed.

A big thank you to Denise Jordan for leading the writing seminar. We hope to have another opportunity to learn from her vast knowledge as the year progresses.

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

Everyone, we are about to embark on our adventurous spring drama session. Our younger kids will have a great opportunity to participate in a wonderful virtue club. This is an exciting session and requires flexibility on the part of everyone.

Please arrive at 1pm on Friday the 18th in the PLC.

Bring your checks made out to TORCH – your amount due will be e-mailed soon.

In the month of February, on the 8th, 15th and the 29th – we will have the opportunity to hear three speakers share their careers with us. This will take place prior to Co-op during 12:45pm and 1:15pm time slot. Children and moms may bring their lunches after Mass and learn more about various careers. If you know someone interested in sharing their educational and work experience with the group, please let me know at

Kimkwelch@bellsouth.net



Patty Caprara shares her wisdom and inspires us to continue on our home schooling journey.

Feb 19th

Next MNO, location TBD, but bring your pencil and paper and be ready to “share a day”. Those present will share their typical home school day. We are bound to gain some great tips from each other.

March 12th

Our book selection for our Spiritual Book Club at MNO is the powerful book: Let To Tell by Immaculee Ilibagiza. Get your copy and start reading this page turning book.



CAMPING

Believe it or not, we will be attempting to book camping in the month of January so be on the look out for those details. Sites will be limited.

We are looking for 3 more families to help in booking the sites. Contact Kim Welch if you are interested.

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



Walk for Life

January 22nd, Tuesday

Meet prior to the start of the March at the statue on the corner of the Capital at the start line at 12:30 pm. The march starts at 1:00 pm.

Wear your TORCH shirts!

First Friday Field Trips



February 1:

Gwinnett County Fire Station #7

Tour starts at 10:30.

Directions to follow.

If there is a fire, the tour gets cancelled.

We'll have a back up activity if that happens.

**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>Mary, Mother of God</u>	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 <u>TALENT/VARIETY SHOW</u>
13	14 <u>MNO</u>	15	16	17	18 <u>Co-op #1</u>	19
20	21	22 <u>March for Life</u>	23	24 <u>Spelling Bee</u>	25 <u>Co-op #2</u>	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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
 E N E Z E K N A P H T A L I R
 E N A D S W K T A A C K G E A
 W N S R E H S I F U C E N U S
 J O H N G B J O R D A N I Y D
 N O M I S L E I U H Q T D X D
 Q Q M D I B N Z H Y M G N E C
 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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Or call 770-663-7893 by the Third week of the month prior to publication month.

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



Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.