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## St. Peter Pray for Us

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### Newsletter

This newsletter is  
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### TORCH'S Theme for the Year

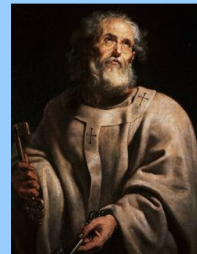
**"DOMINION BE HIS THROUGHOUT THE AGES"**

**1 Peter 5:11**

**Patron Saint: St. Peter**

#### Peter Facts

After the Resurrection, Peter went to the [tomb](#) with the "other disciple" after being told of the event by the women. The first appearance of the Risen [Christ](#) was before Peter, ahead of the other disciples, and when the [Lord](#) came before the disciples at Tiberias, he gave to Peter the famous command to "Feed my lambs.... Tend my sheep.... Feed my sheep".



### Pope's Intentions – March 2009

**General:** That the role of women may be more appreciated and used to good advantage in every country in the world.

**Mission:** That in the light of the letter addressed to them by Pope Benedict XVI, the Bishops, priests, consecrated persons, and lay faithful of the Catholic Church in the Popular Republic of China may commit themselves to being the sign and instrument of unity, communion and peace.

## 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](mailto:taxed@bellsouth.net)  
Torch receives a percentage of all purchases you make at Publix

# FATHER/SON HIKE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 28<sup>th</sup> 10:am

Sawnee Mountain  
4075 Spot Road, Cumming, GA 30004

We will hike the Indian Seats Trail. 1.6 miles  
Bring a picnic lunch to eat after the hike.  
We will meet at the Entrance off of Bettis-Tribble Gap Road  
Sign up and details to follow.

For more information contact Eric at [pfie1@windstream.net](mailto:pfie1@windstream.net)

## Spelling Bee

Way to GO Joshua!!

Joshua was able to spell until around the 4<sup>th</sup> round. He represented TORCH with great style and grace.



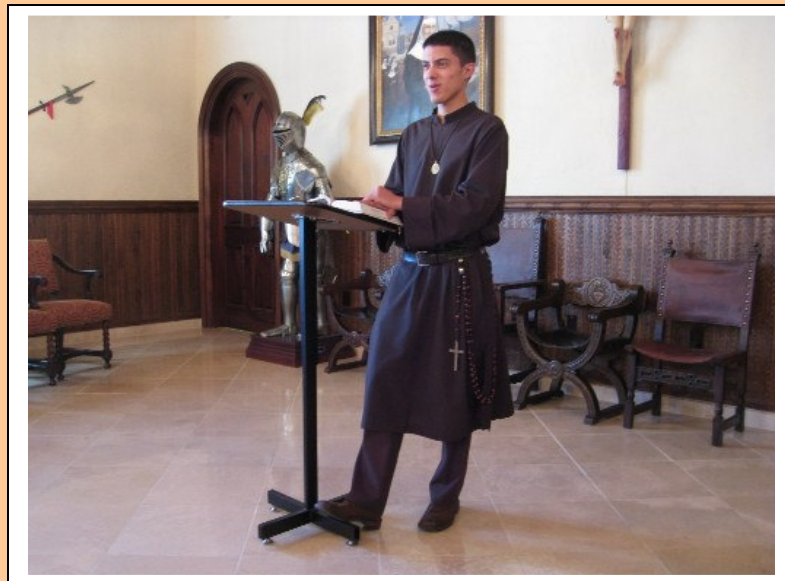
## Dr. Ray Guarendi speaks to TORCH

The doctor is in on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Benedict's in the PLC.

Put this on your calendar now!!! You don't want miss this blessed opportunity

## Men and Future Men Retreat to the Shrine in Hanceville

Brother Juan inspired and delighted all who attended. He is such a beautiful witness to Christ. We recommend every family pilgrimage to the Shrine and when you do, please tell Brother Juan TORCH sends their love.



## March to the future: TORCH'S annual Career speakers begin this Friday:

- March 13<sup>th</sup> a Duluth Policeman
- March 20<sup>th</sup> Russ Spencer – newscaster
- March 27<sup>th</sup> Margaret Boudreaux- pediatrician

Talks begin immediately following 12:10pm so pack a snack or a lunch. These talks are open to the entire TORCH group so come and join us for what will be a very informative lunch hour.



## 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 21<sup>st</sup> – 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!**

Looking for a host family for TORCH'S annual yard sale!!

Last year we raised \$700 due to the grace of God, generosity of the entire group and the hard work of the Whitehead's. We are looking for another family to begin to gather items and to host the yard sale this summer.

Please let me know if you are that special family....

It is hard work, but it is also a lot of fun and helps TORCH do some really great activities throughout the year.

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# Cast Party

Thanks to the Laarhoven's for hosting a great cast party for  
The Legend of St. George and the Dragon cast and crew  
Games, food and fun were enjoyed by all  
Go forth thee and be KNIGHTS FOR CHRIST



## Yearbook

The word is out the 2007-2008 yearbook is just  
around the corner. We thank you for your  
patience. It will be worth it!

## **TORCH Adopts A Seminarian Brian Miller**

**Please continue to pray for Brian in your family prayers.**

**Brian Miller sends his greetings and prayers to our TORCH Family. He wrote to tell us that he passed his exams with flying colors as he nears his May ordination into the priesthood. On a sad note, he is requesting prayers for the family of a fellow seminarian, Adam, who died suddenly in February. May his soul rest in peace. God bless and thank you for all of your prayers!**

## **Community Corner**

**Annual Atlanta Home School Conference April 17<sup>th</sup>  
and 18<sup>th</sup> at:  
North Metro Technical College  
5198 Ross Rd.  
Acworth, GA  
30102**

**Mother / Daughter Tea**

**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**We need someone to coordinate this beautiful and special time with mothers and their daughters. Contact [Kimkwelch@bellsouth.net](mailto:Kimkwelch@bellsouth.net) if you can help.**

## Co-op News

Thanks to everyone for all there flexibility this session. Suzanne's "Peace of the Word" has also been a great blessing. Remember to check your clean up day assignment and remember to trade with someone if you cannot make your assigned day.

Believe it or not, this session will soon be coming to a close and the planning of a new session will swiftly begin. **We will be needing a Co-op Coordinator for the fall session so please prayerfully consider if you could help in this capacity.** Without the help of everyone, this Co-op can not come together each week. We give Leticia a big hand for a job well done this session.

### DRAMA DETAILS

**Please mark your calendars for two great show nights:**

April 23<sup>rd</sup> - The Legend of St. George and the Dragon  
April 30<sup>th</sup> - The Road to Emmaus and The Small One

All friends and family are invited. Both shows will begin sharply at 6:30pm. The St. George performance includes a catered "knightly" dinner for \$10/family. RSVP by March 28<sup>th</sup> as seating is limited.

Both shows will be professionally videotaped by Jim Brooke and will be on sale soon.....

If you order 1 DVD it is \$5.00

If you order 2, the price is \$8.00



Thanks to April and Stacy for your patience and your expertise in trying to teach some of us to crochet. Thanks also for Kim Baker for being a unique crocheting hostess – that is all we can say on that.....

March 25th MNO Spiritual Book: [Eucharistic Miracles](#) by Joan Carroll Cruz - If you can host this evening or have a location suggestion, please let Angela know at [jpass1@bellsouth.net](mailto:jpass1@bellsouth.net)

<http://www.amazon.com/Eucharistic-Miracles-Joan-Carroll-Cruz/dp/0895553031>



### 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](mailto: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!!

**Flashback Motorworks was a great hit!!**



## Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Monastery

2625 Highway 212 S.W.  
Conyers, GA 30094-4044

**April 3, 2009**

Time TBA

We will listen to a talk by one of the Brothers on Monastery Life.

We will view their short video.

We will picnic by the lake if weather permits.

We will have time to spend in the monastery store.

More details to follow as the date gets closer.

<b>&lt; March 2009 &gt;</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 <b>Field Trip</b>	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 <b>Co-op #6 Career speaker</b>	14
15	16	17 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b>	18	19	20 <b>Co-op #7 Career speaker</b>	21 <b>Father/Daughter Dance</b>
22	23	24	25 <b>MNO Spiritual Book <u>Eucharistic Miracles</u></b>	26	27 <b>Co-op #8 Career speaker</b>	28 <b>Father/Son Hike Deadline to RSVP for dinner theatre</b>
29	30	31				

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- 4) CWM: Lisa, [skuroski@comcast.net](mailto:skuroski@comcast.net)
- 5) Meal Angels: Stacy Palmer, [packofpalmer@adelphia.net](mailto:packofpalmer@adelphia.net)
- 6) Father/Daughter dance, Kathleen McCusker, [triplejmk@bellsouth.net](mailto:triplejmk@bellsouth.net)

# Kids' Corner

## Luke 15:1-3,11-32 "The Prodigal Son"

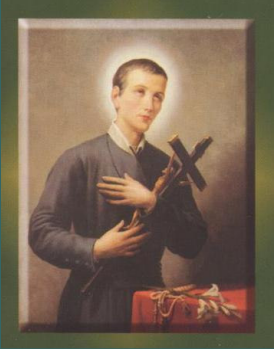
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*Find the following words from the Gospel passage:*

ANGRY  
 COMPASSION  
 FATHER  
 FOUND  
 INHERITANCE  
 PARABLE  
 PODS  
 ROBE  
 SQUANDERED  
 TAX

CALF  
 ESTATE  
 FEAST  
 HEAVEN  
 LOST  
 PHARISEES  
 PROPERTY  
 SCRIBES  
 SWALLOWED  
 WORKERS

COLLECTORS  
 FAMINE  
 FINEST  
 HUNGER  
 OLDER  
 PLEADED  
 REJOICE  
 SINNERS  
 SWINE  
 YOUNGER



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

- Jennifer Brechbill May 22
- Rebecca Urbanczyk March 3
- Jennifer Youngman June 25
- Stacy Palmer due Sept. 8
- Stacy Fileccia August 29
- Christy Kwon right after July 4



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

## Prayer of the Month

### THANKSGIVING AFTER MASS

Lord, Father all-powerful and ever-living God, I thank You, for even though I am a sinner, your unprofitable servant, not because of my worth but in the kindness of your mercy, You have fed me with the Precious Body & Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray that this Holy Communion may not bring me condemnation and punishment but forgiveness and salvation.

May it be a helmet of faith and a shield of good will.

May it purify me from evil ways and put an end to my evil passions.

May it bring me charity and patience, humility and obedience, and growth in the power to do good.

May it be my strong defense against all my enemies, visible and invisible, and the perfect calming of all my evil impulses, bodily and spiritual.

May it unite me more closely to you, the One true God, and lead me safely through death to everlasting happiness with You.

And I pray that You will lead me, a sinner, to the banquet where you, with Your Son and holy Spirit, are true and perfect light, total fulfillment, everlasting joy, gladness without end, and perfect happiness to your saints. grant this through Christ our Lord,

**AMEN**



THE PRAYER OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS