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### Upcoming Events:

(All @ St. Benedicts unless specified)

#### May

- 16 May Crowning
- 20 MNO
- 28 TORCH Surveys Due
- 31 Father/Son Hike

#### June

- 1 Splash Bash
- 15 Father's Day
- 21 Eucharistic Congress

### TORCH To Do...

- Participate in TORCH events
- Volunteer
- Pray

#### Pope's Intentions – May 2008

##### General:

That Christians may use literature, art and the media to greater advantage to favor a culture which defends and promotes the values of the human person

##### Mission:

That just as she accompanied the Apostles in the early stages of the Church, may the Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of Evangelization and Queen of Apostles, continue to guide missionaries throughout the world with maternal affection.

#### Pope's Intentions – June 2008

##### General:

That Christians may cultivate a deep and personal friendship with Christ so they are able to communicate the strength of His love to those they encounter

##### Mission:

That the International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec, Canada, may lead to ever deeper understanding of the Eucharist, the heart of the Church and source of evangelization.

TORCH'S drama productions are a huge success!!

The audience was entertained by two wonderful performances. Our Co-op kids are fantastic!! Thanks to Valerie, Sara and their entire team for such a wonderful show. Thanks also to the entire crew of Alice in Wonderland. These great events take place due to the efforts of so many wonderful families. Thanks to all on behalf of the entire TORCH family. What a show!!! What a show!!  
The kids were dynamite!!!

Some thank you's that I neglected go to Russ Anna for the beautiful cakes and printing our photos for the entrance board. Thanks also to my loving husband for his efforts with the sound system and to Robert, Matthew and Kevin for their assistance with lighting details. I can already hardly wait until next springs performance!!



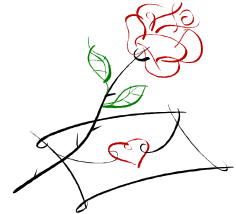
### Annual Collection for St. Benedict's



As our final weeks of TORCH activities wind down, we would like to gather a love offering from TORCH families to present to Father Flood at our May Crowning Ceremony on May 16<sup>th</sup>. We have been so generously blessed to continue to utilize the facilities at St. Ben's and one way that we can show our gratitude is to give a monetary donation. No amount is too small!

*Please make checks out to TORCH and submit to me by May 10<sup>th</sup>.*  
I will be at the final two co-ops, or you may send a check to me at:  
2565 Stonevalley Lane, Cumming, 30041.

**Thank you for your prayerful consideration and donations!**  
*Maria Smith*



## Mother / Son Event

Thank you to Angela, Lisa, Stacy Palmer, and Kelley Patilla and special thanks to the wonderful ideas of Liz Nelsen for a most enjoyable field day event with our boys. From sack races, to trike races and pie eating extravaganza, to the now famous tug of war event, this evening was enjoyed by all and will be remembered for many days to come – the tug of war will especially be remembered by Jill and Ryan for enduring bodily injury.



## **Don't Forget Your TORCH Survey!!!**

These need to be done by May 28<sup>th</sup>, so that the leadership team can go over them and make considerations for planning our new year.

### Fundraising

**Yard Sale date changed from June 7<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Our yard sale next year is scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the home of the Whiteheads. Angela has asked me to let everyone know 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.**

## *Father/Son Hike!!*

*Save the Date: Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m.*

*This year's hike will be at  
Mathis Trail*

*a scenic hike through a mature hard-wood forest. At one point the trail will take us across 150' suspension bridge(that's length, not height , so no need to be acrophobic). There is also a nature center that features two complete mosasaur skeletons.*

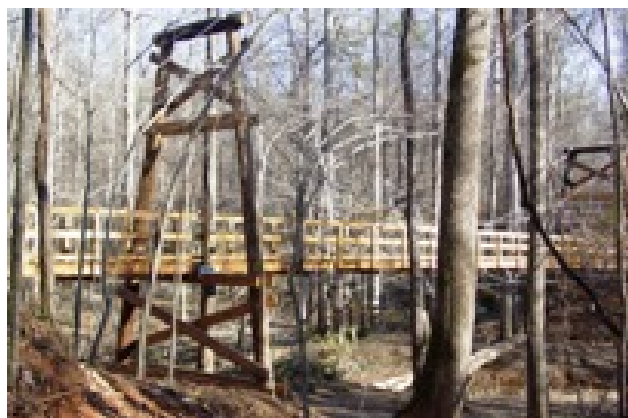
*There is **NO park entrance fee**, but the Nature Science Center fee is \$5 for adults & \$3 for children.*

*Please remember to pack a lunch and throw in some good trail snacks too!*

*We will meet at 10: 30 a.m. on Saturday May 31st, 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](mailto:cottageonthehill@bellsouth.net)*



## May Crowning



### **Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned Above!**

Time for our May Crowning

Please join our First Holy Communicants as we bring flowers & song to our Blessed Mother.

May 16, 9am

*Mass, Procession, Crowning, Graduate recognition, & Reception*

Stay tuned for more details and what to bring

Please let Joselyn know if you have a First Holy Communicant: [joselyn.schutz@gmail.com](mailto:joselyn.schutz@gmail.com)

## End of the school year Splash Bash!!!

Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

4pm-8pm

The Sager's neighborhood

4290 Evans Farms Drive

Cumming, GA 30040



We will swim, eat and have some organized games to enjoy as well. This is a great time of fun and fellowship with your TORCH friends.

### 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](mailto:jnoaubrey@comcast.net).

## 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.

## Co-op News

It is our hope that you and your family thoroughly enjoyed our wonderful spring session. It certainly went quickly and now summer break will be upon us. Talks are already underway for our fall session. A survey will be coming your way in May, so please take a few moments to let us have your input. YOU are this group and your ideas keep TORCH moving forward and planning faith rich and fun events for your family. We ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our decisions that the leadership team makes on behalf of the group. We need to hear your voice to aid us in knowing what is important to you to include in our calendar.

A special thanks to all families involved in Co-op this year who put in countless hours planning classes and teaching our wonderful kids. We are eager to begin our plans for our fall Co-op and can't wait to see you there!!

**[Kimkwelch@bellsouth.net](mailto:Kimkwelch@bellsouth.net)**

## **FAMILY PAGES!**

Get those family pages done and either e-mail or give them to Lisa Ristuccia please!  
These pages add so much to our annual yearbook.

## Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

7 pm – Location TBD



Thank you Angela Whitehead for organizing such wonderful, fun and informative MNO's this year. We have so many memories to treasure!!!

## Book Sale and Swap



Thank you Suzanne for such a wonderful idea and thanks for everyone coming out for some fellowship, fun and sharing of home school materials.

### Save the Date for the 2008 Eucharistic Congress!

<http://www.archatl.com/congress/>

**June 20-21, 2008**



ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS  
JUNE 20-21, 2008

**“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”**

**- John 6:51**

Mark your calendars today for the 2008 Eucharistic Congress, June 20-21, 2008. The event will be held again at the Georgia International Convention Center in College Park, Georgia.

## Calling All Volunteers!

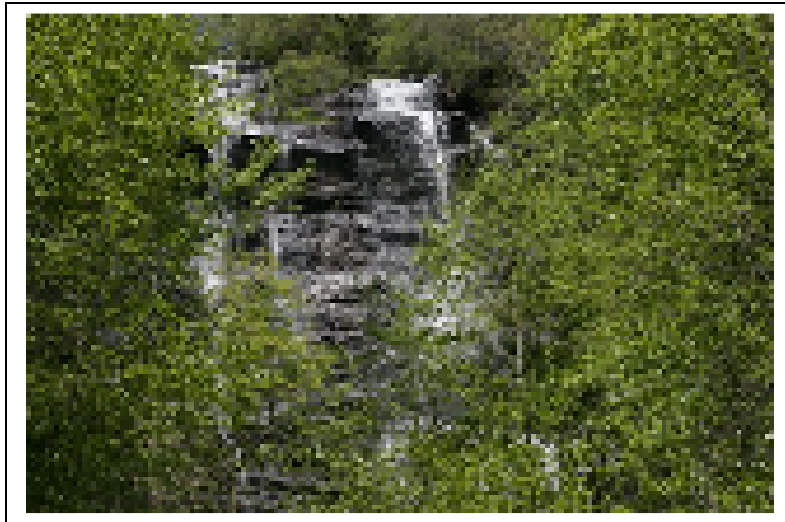
The Eucharistic Congress wouldn't be possible without the generous donations of time and talent of the wonderful Catholics of North Georgia! **Experience the joy of volunteering and sign up today!**

# First Friday Field Trips

**BIG THANK YOU FOR ORGANIZING** our field trips goes out to both Jennifer Minter and Ida Pfiel. Without your energy, time and efforts, our group would not have had field trips on the calendar this year.

**You both helped make our First Fridays memorable, educational and fun!!! We can't wait until fall to see what field trips TORCH has planned.**

## **Amicalola Falls State Park**



## &lt; May 2008 &gt;

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <u>Ascension Thursday</u>	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 <u>Pentecost/Mother's Day</u>	12	13	14	15	16 <u>May Crowning</u>	17
18 <u>Holy Trinity</u>	19	20 <u>MNO</u>	21	22	23	24
25 <u>Corpus Christi</u>	26	27	28 <b>TORCH Surveys Due</b>	29	30	31 <u>Father /Son Hike</u>

## &lt; June 2008 &gt;

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <u>End of year splash bash</u>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<u>Father's Day</u>	22	23	24	25	26	27 <u>Eucharistic Congress</u>
28	29	30				

# Kids' Corner

**John 20:19-23**  
*"Receive the Holy Spirit."*

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

*Find the following words from the Gospel passage:*

DISCIPLES  
 FATHER  
 HANDS  
 LOCKED  
 RECEIVE  
 SHOWED  
 SPIRIT

DOORS  
 FEAR  
 HOLY  
 LORD  
 REJOICED  
 SIDE

EVENING  
 FORGIVEN  
 JEWS  
 PEACE  
 SEND  
 SINS

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### Newsletter

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Or call 770-663-7893 by  
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month prior to publication  
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## Prayers for Expecting Mothers

- Paula Leiching
- Margaret Mendonca due June
- Carrie Borgerding due late Oct/early Nov
- Kelley Patilla due Dec 27



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

### Prayer for the Pope

Lord God, you chose your servant Pope Benedict XVI  
to succeed the apostle St. Peter as shepherd of your flock.

Listen to the prayer of your people,

and may our pope,

Vicar of Christ on earth,

strengthen his brethren in the faith.

May the whole Church be kept in communion with him

by the bond of unity, love, and peace

so that all will find truth and eternal life

in you, Shepherd of mankind.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.