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Pray for Us

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Newsletter

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Upcoming TORCH Events

May 15: Carlton Farms

May 16: Father/Son Hike

May 31: Pentecost Party

June 5: Book Swap/Sale

July 11: Yard Sale

July 15: Kick-off Meeting for Year 8

Pope's Intentions – May 2009

General: That the laity and the Christian communities may be responsible promoters of priestly and religious vocations.

Mission: That the recently founded Catholic Churches, grateful to the Lord for the gift of faith, may be ready to share in the universal mission of the Church, offering their availability to preach the Gospel throughout the world.

TORCH raises \$108.40 in Box Tops!!

Thanks box top collectors

If you need a Publix card, please contact Jane Cunningham @ taxed@bellsouth.net
Torch receives a percentage of all purchases you make at Publix

FATHER/SON HIKE

Please note this is a new date

Dear Fathers & Sons:

Our annual Father/Son Hike will take place **Saturday, May 16th** at 10am. We will hike the Indian Seats Trail at Sawnee Mountain in Cumming, GA. After the hike, we will enjoy a picnic lunch. We will be meeting at the entrance off of Bettis-Tribble Gap Road. Directions below. Please RSVP to Eric Pfiel pfie1279@windstream.net.

You can get more information about Sawnee Mountain at <http://www.sawneemountain.org/>

Pentecost Party

This year TORCH has the honor of actually celebrating Pentecost together at our end of the year splash bash.

Sunday, May 31st 4p-7p

The final details of the location are being worked out and we'll send a separate invite soon!!

This is a great way to celebrate the beginning of our Church and the close of yet another blessed TORCH year.

Thanks to all our TORCH families who contributed in both small and large ways to make this a fantastic year in the Lord!! This group belongs to God and to the families that help make it a huge success.

A huge thank you to the Leadership families who work tirelessly behind the scenes.....Baker's, Pfiel's, McCusker's, Welch's and Smith's and soon to be Kuroski's.

We look forward with great anticipation to another year. May God Bless your summer.

St. Peter, pray for us.

TORCH recognizes our First Communicants and our Graduate, Rachel Kujawa at our beautiful May Crowning.....May, Mother of God, we love you....



Thanks to Sara, Ida, Diane and Angela and all who helped in anyway to make our May Crowning such a beautiful celebration.

Dr. Ray Guarendi speaks to TORCH

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

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

Mark your calendars now for July 15th 7p – TORCH kicks off year 8!!! And, boy is it going to be.....GREAT!!!!

Meet at St. Benedict's PLC and learn about our next year and sign up to help out on your favorite event.

Book Sale/Swap

June 5th

After 12:10pm Mass at Webb Bridge Park

Join us for a great day to let the kids play while we shop for used curriculum. Come one and all and sale or swap your books that have been sitting on your home school shelf taking up space and not being used for the last year.

RSVP to Suzanne Holtkamp if you are interested in attending:
holtkamp@baspnet.net

This is Mrs. Gotschall's last year directing our older kid's drama. She has been a God send in this role and has taken our drama to a new level. Her expertise, commitment and dedication as director have been invaluable to our spring drama over the last four years. On behalf of TORCH, we thank you Mrs. Gotschall for all your thought, passion and energy that you have so graciously poured out to the older kid's drama. You have helped make memories and touch the lives of so many children; the fruits of your labors will be appreciated for years to come.

WE THANK YOU AND WE LOVE YOU MRS. GOTSCHALL



Brooke Family Host Yard Sale – July 11th

The Brooke Family has volunteered to host our summer TORCH yard sale. Please contact Diane below for any items you would like to donate to our sale. She is ready to receive items!!

no computers, monitors, tvs, adult clothes or adult shoes. (I have never seen computers sell and old tvs are not going to work with the change to digital.)

Call me for drop off: 678-677-7716 h / 770-833-2216 c

Thanks goes to the Brooke family as this is a huge help in raising money for our wonderful group

Mother/Daughter Tea

Thank you Mrs. Laarhoven, Mrs. Radney and Bethany Hudson for a beautiful afternoon with moms and their daughters



Co-op News

Carolyn Rittmueller has graciously volunteered to organize our nursery-3rd graders for fall 2009

Lisa Ristuccia will be organizing the 4th and up fall 101 electives

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!

Spiritual Bouquet for BRIAN MILLER
May 10-15th

**Do not forget your intentions for Brian's
ordination!!!**

Praise be to God

Community Corner

Eucharistic Congress

June 12-13, 2009

[Georgia International Convention Center](#)

2000 Convention Center Concourse

College Park, GA 30337



WE APPRECIATE AND THANK ST. BENEDICT'S

Thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to St. Benedict's for continuing to allow us to use their facilities.

Father Hieu at our May Crowning, accepted on behalf of Father Flood, TORCH'S appreciation check for close to \$1250.00



Oh what a night!!!

**TORCH'S first ever musical/dinner theatre was a huge success
Without Mrs. Lorusso writing such a beautiful play, this night would
not have been. She is a gift.**

The TORCH performers have done it again. Congratulations to all the fabulous actors who worked hard to put on our wonderful drama productions this year. A hearty word of praise goes to the 7th grade and older kids for their touching portrayal of the Road to Emmaus gospel story. A special thanks goes to Rachel Kujawa for directing and acting in this production. Our fifth and older kids did a fabulous job as they beautifully brought to life the story of Saint Bernadette.

To all the many people worked long and hard to make this beautiful drama night happen – THANK YOU!!



MAY 18th

Location and happenings soon to be announced. This is a great way to fellowship and get to know other TORCH moms. We guarantee laughter at every MNO.

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

**Diane and Ida we appreciate you both
organizing such fabulous field trips this year**
Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Monastery



May 15th

**Carlton Farms Dairy
Rockmart, GA**

10:am

Pack a lunch

Contact Diane at dn_brooke@yahoo.com

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8 May Crowning	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Field Trip	16 F/S Hike Brian Miller Ordination
17	18 MNO	19	20	21 Ascension Thursday	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 Pentecost						

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

Kids' Corner

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

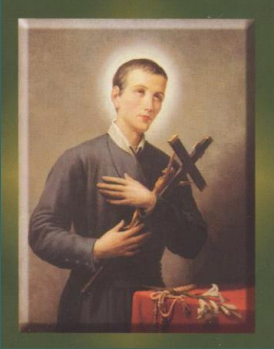
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Find the following words from the Gospel passage:

DISCIPLES
 FATHER
 HANDS
 LOCKED
 RECEIVE
 SHOWED
 SPIRIT

DOORS
 FEAR
 HOLY
 LORD
 REJOICED
 SIDE

EVENING
 FORGIVEN
 JEWS
 PEACE
 SEND
 SINS



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
- Jennifer Youngman June 25
- Stacy Palmer due Sept. 8
- Stacy Fileccia August 29
- Christy Kwon right after July 4
- Jennifer Minter August 4th
- Laura Pasatiempo November



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

Prayer of the Month

Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O most pure heart of Mary, full of goodness, show your love towards us. Let the flame of your heart, O Mary, descend on all people. We love you immensely. Impress on our hearts true love so that we may long for you. O Mary, gentle and humble of heart, remember us when we sin. You know that all people sin. Grant that through your most pure and motherly heart, we may be healed from every spiritual sickness. Grant that we may always experience the goodness of your motherly heart, and that through the flame of your heart we may be converted. Amen.