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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

Andrew, his brother, introduced Peter to Jesus, and Christ called Peter to become a disciple. In Luke is recounted the story that Peter caught so large an amount of fish that he fell down before the feet of Jesus and was told by the Lord, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men".



Pope's Intentions – September 2008

General:

That those who are forced to leave home and country because of war or oppressive regimes may be supported by Christians in the defense and protection of their rights.

Mission:

That faithful to the sacrament of matrimony every Christian family may cultivate the values of love and communion in order to be a small evangelizing community, sensitive and open to the material and spiritual needs of others

TORCH'S yard sale raises close to \$700 dollars! Wow! What a blessing from God. This money will be used to help out with our events throughout the year and your leadership team unanimously voted to help a family in need that came to us through Joselyn Schutz. A \$100 was donated to this family to assist them in stocking their pantry. Huge thanks to every hand who helped in the yard sale and the biggest of thanks to the entire Whitehead Family for hosting this years successful sale.

**THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A PARTY IN HER HONOR THIS COMING SEPTEMBER THE 7TH AT NEWTOWN PARK IN JOHN'S CREEK.
(4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)**

BEING OF SIMPLE UPBRINGING SHE REQUESTS THAT YOU BE CASUALLY (though modestly, of course!) ATTIRED FOR THIS FAMILY AFFAIR. SHE HUMBLY REQUESTS THAT THOSE ATTENDING BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE (please RSVP to Leticia Radney about what is still needed for this event) AS WELL AS YOUR OWN DRINKS AND CHAIRS (seating is VERY limited and Jesus and Joseph have been terribly busy converting souls and have not had time to make chairs in their workshop). THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND EARTH HAS A PARTICULAR LIKING FOR SOUTHERN BBQ AND AS SUCH THAT WILL BE THE MAIN DISH (provided by TORCH). BEING A FAN OF FESTIVITIES (remember the Wedding at Cana? She LOVES parties) SHE HOPES YOU CAN ATTEND WITH YOUR FAMILY TO ENJOY SOME OUTDOOR SPORTS, (one word: CorporalWorksofMercyRelay....had to make it one word to be dramatic) PLAYGROUNDS FOR THE LITTLE ONES (she REALLY loves little ones), WALKING TRAILS (she walked an awful lot when she was with us down here), AND FELLOWSHIP WITH NEW AND OLD TORCH FOLKS.

**WE WILL HAVE OUR TRADITIONAL ROSARY CUPCAKES AND WILL CELEBRATE MARY BY SAYING A DECADE OF THE ROSARY BEFORE DESSERT!
~ OUR LADY LOOKS FORWARD TO THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY ~**



Dear TORCH Families -

One of the requests made of the Leadership team was that the theme for the Father/Daughter dance be decided earlier to give moms time to make/purchase on sale any necessary items for their daughters. It was decided to keep the dance themes on a rotation and that being the case this years theme is: a 50's SOCK HOP!

DATE: Father/Daughter SOCK HOP will be Saturday, February 28th!

Dads: we expect a very cool looking group of guys that evening - might want to consider letting that hair grow longer (if you still have hair growing) for that truly, slicked back hair do. Ever want an excuse to buy a leather jacket at Goodwill? Now you have one.

Ladies: get to practicing those swing moves with your daddy! This will be a fun night of retro dance and decor! Ask Grandma and Grandpa for some ideas on what to wear!!!

Moms: is YOUR dad in the area? Want to invite him to the dance? Don't be bashful...ask your dad to the Father/Daughter dance!! (I'd ask my dad but with gas prices making airline tickets so expensive I am guessing a round trip ticket from Heaven to earth is likely out of our price range).

The F/D dance committee will meet in early November to nail down all the details - if you have any questions feel free to email me, Kathleen, at: triplejmk@bellsouth.net

Enjoy making your plans as we enjoy planning this memorable event for all you dads and daughters!!! God Bless. Kathleen McCusker



Smart Martha Seminar

A big thank you to Jennifer Brechbill for organizing our SmartMartha seminar. It was a huge success and those who attended took away some fabulous tips for keep their home organized and orderly while having a Mary attitude. Thanks also to Stacy Palmer, Dina Kujawa ,Sara Boyle and Ruth Andry who all assisted with kitchen duties, set up and clean up. For those who paid and could not attend, Jennifer is going to try to get you the workbook. If you are interested in having the workbook contact Jennifer at attached@bellsouth.net.

Thank you Ida for all your tedious and hard work towards making sure we have our security clearance. This is no easy job and Ida makes it look like a piece of cake. Thanks Ida!!!

We thank everyone for their understanding and co-operation in getting security check paperwork done. We have the paperwork for 84% of the families participating in co-op. THANK YOU!!!!. We will need to have everyone cleared by the 2nd co-op on Sept 12th. If you have not turned in all your paperwork, please contact Ida Pfiel (770-843-4705) pfie1279@windstream.net to make arrangements to get the paperwork to her by Sept. 5th. Again, thank you for your dedication to TORCH and helping us get all co-op teachers cleared.

Fundraising Opportunities

- **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. The Box top can is at all functions that are held in the PLC at St. Benedict's including all Co-op's. KEEP THOSE BOX TOPS COMING.**

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Feed the hungry

Give drink to the thirsty

Clothe the naked

Visit those in prison

Shelter the homeless

Visit the sick

Bury the dead

Need one more family to serve at the Place on September 24. We will be feeding approximately 70 people. TORCH funds will assist in providing the lunch; however, individual donations are needed. **Lisa will have a box for donations at all Co-ops.**

October 4th TORCH will volunteer at the Down Syndrome Walk in Duluth Square from 10 am – 1 pm

Lisa will send out more details on volunteer opportunities.

Below is the link to sign up for “TEAM GAVIN” if you would like to walk or donate to the Down Syndrome Association

<http://buddywalk.kintera.org/faf/search/searchParticipants.asp?ievent=281120&lis=0&kntae281120=E34FA1F3417479BA3E2136B1829D365>

Thanks go to Carrie Borgerding for helping get our great TORCH shirts ordered and delivered.

TORCH T-shirts will be available for pick up at Mary's Birthday Party, Co-op and Camping. If you cannot pick your shirt up at one of these events, let Carrie know and we will make arrangements to get you your shirts.

Wear your TORCH shirts for all Field Trips

Carriebg@bellsouth.net

TORCH Yearbooks available sometime the month of September.

Contact Lisa at cottageonthehill@bellsouth.net

Spring 2007 Drama DVD's available for pick-up at all Co-ops and Mary's Party. If you need to make other pick-up arrangements contact Kim at kimkwelch@bellsouth.net

Community Corner

CHRISTOPHER WEST IS SELLING

OUT!!! Didn't get your tickets yet? Want to know if there are any still available? Please email Kathleen at: triplejmk@bellsouth.net for more information. This is a unique opportunity to see Mr. West and to participate in his Theology of the Body seminar entitled, "Created and Redeemed". The event is Friday, October 10th 7:00-9:30 p.m. (with a 6:00 p.m. Opening Mass) AND Saturday, October 11th 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – tickets are just \$12 which covers the cost of the mandatory seminar manual (\$7) and helps cover the cost of lunch on Saturday – the actual event is FREE! Mr. West is typically booked at arenas and events like World Youth Day – to have him speak in a more intimate setting is truly a blessing. The event is aimed at adults 18 and up but we have a number of mature high schoolers attending with their parent (s) – if you want your high school student to attend a parent MUST attend with him/her. Don't miss this great opportunity to better understand God's divine plan for human sexuality! (please realize the event may be sold out by the time you read this – don't be mad at me if it is!!! ☺)

TORCH Adopts A Seminarian

Brian Miller

TORCH has adopted a 5th year seminarian, Brian Miller, a relative of Maria Smith. We encourage our TORCH children to support Brian with cards & letters of prayers, well wishes, pictures, and perhaps some home-baked goods. Each week, items will be collected in our "Support our Seminarian" box, and then mailed to Brian. In return, he offers prayers for our group and updates to tell us about his life as a seminarian.

Dear TORCH Families,

I am currently entering my fifth year at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia. I am studying for the diocese of Allentown. If all goes according to schedule, I will be ordained a deacon in May, 2009 and then ordained the following year to the priesthood.

My journey towards the priesthood begins with my family. I was blessed to be raised in a home where the Catholic faith took priority. My parents made many sacrifices to ensure that all their children went to Catholic school. They also made it a priority that the whole family attends Mass every Sunday as well as special devotions throughout the week (e.g. stations of the cross and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Triduum).

My home pastor Monsignor Losito is the first priest to suggest a possibility of being a priest. He has been at my home parish for forty years. There has never been a time when he did not love being a priest. I hope to model my priesthood after his, especially his love for Mary and the Eucharist.

*God bless,
Brian Miller*

TORCH plans on giving 10% of our bank account dollars on or around November 1st to assist Brian.

TORCH'S FAMILY ICE CREAM SUNDAE SUNDAY SOCIAL



Come join us at the Baker Home on **October 19th** from 2pm-4pm for our 2nd annual ice cream sundae Sunday social. This is a great way to socialize in a casual and comfortable atmosphere and get to know more about fellow TORCH members. Sharon Santini will be coordinating this event and will send out an official invite. Everyone will be asked to bring something needed to make delicious sundaes.

Lunch and Literature Begins September 12th! Following 12:10pm Mass

**Due to mobile labs - make a note: No L&L on September 12th for 2nd grade Co-op kids.
And no L&L on September 26th for 5th/6th grade boys.**

Any questions, please contact Stacy at stacy_fileccia@charter.net

Be sure to thank Stacy Fileccia for donating all the study guides for each of the grade levels. This was an expensive venture for her and she is generously sharing it with TORCH.

Co-op News

Co-op is off to a wonderful start thanks to so many charitable, flexible and generous souls who are participating. We will be sending our more details on how to make dismissal run more smoothly closer to date along with a reminder to who is on clean up crew for each Co-op.

Please make a note that if your child is having a lab that you need to arrive in the PLC by 12:30pm so that we can organize the students so they can be escorted to the mobile lab. If you are the L & L leader for one of the grades that are scheduled to have a lab during L & L, then you will obviously not be leading L & L that particular day. See the following schedule for September:

Fri, Sept 12th Ocean Organisms Lab
12:45-1:30 2nd grade (10 kids)
1:40-2:25 3rd grade (15 kids)
2:35-3:20 4th grade (13 kids)

Fri, Sept 26th Ocean Organisms Lab
12:35-1:15 5th/6th grade boys (14 kids)
1:20-2:00 5th/6th grade girls (14 kids)
2:05-2:45 7th-10th grade boys (8 kids)
2:50-3:30 7th-10th grade girls (10 kids)

Lab Schedule for in classroom labs led by Stacy and Christy

PK3/4 A	2pm-2:30pm
PK3/4 B	2pm-2:30pm

These two classes will be combined in one room and split into 4 stations.

Kindergarten	2:30pm-3pm
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1st grade girls	3pm-3:30pm
1st grade boys	3pm-3:30pm

These two classes will be combined in one room and split into 4 stations

Contact Karen Wise with any questions at krwise1@comcast.net



Thanks to Lisa Dickerson for hosting our MNO by the pool. A good time was had by all, especially those in grass skirts.

Cheers for Charity

MNO September 15th @ 7pm

Home of Stephanie Doyle (11285 Cranwood Cove, Roswell, GA 30075)

Bring a light appetizer to share

With the money you would've spent on a nice dinner at a restaurant, you may donate it to Stephanie's charity choice: Casa Anna Orphanage in Bangledish

Our spiritual book for our October MNO is also being chosen and we will let you know as soon as the big decision is made. The time and location for Oct. 21st MNO will be forthcoming.

TORCH MOM's PILGRIMAGE- November 7th-8th

For the first year, our TORCH moms will have the opportunity to make a pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, AL. Our goal is to carpool over on Friday evening. We will either spend one or two nights at Queen of Peace which is 3 miles from the Shrine. The cost is \$25 per person/per night double occupancy. We will have a catered breakfast and lunch on Saturday, November 8th which will cost approximately \$18 per person for both meals. So far, we have 13 moms interested.

I will need a final head count by October 10th.



Contact Kim Welch at kimkwelch@bellsouth.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

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

September 5th Field Trip

Elachee Nature Science Center

<http://www.elachee.org/>

This field trip is closed. We gave Elachee our final numbers. Be sure to print out the information that was e-mailed to you so your children are prepared for their classes. Also, don't forget we are attending 9AM Mass at St. Benedict's and will convoy to Elachee. Pack a sack lunch for your family as well.

Thanks go out to Diane Brooke for doing a wonderful job coordinating a difficult field trip to organize.

October 3rd Federal Reserve

The details of this field trip are being check out. Stay tuned for more information.

For information on Field Trips, contact Ida Pfiel at pfie1279@windstream.net.

To RSVP for a Field Trip, contact Diane Brooks at diane@dig-disc.com

TORCH'S annual fall Camporee is completely booked!!!

The planning process is underway to have lots of fun. If you would like to participate in the box boat race, please bring your cardboard boxes (large enough to fit one child) and plastic bags to cover the box and lots of duct tape. Each team will have 15 mins to assemble their box boats for the race. No assembly prior to the race allowed.

Donna Casiero will be organizing our community dinner on Saturday night and will be formulating a sign up e-mail. Pull out those home made chili recipes for our 1st ever chili cook-off contest.

All the rules and regulations of the campground will soon be e-mailed to the participants.

You may still come out and enjoy all the fun and festivities on Saturday as a day visitor. If you would like to be a day visitor, please contact Ida Pfiel at pfie1279@windstream.net

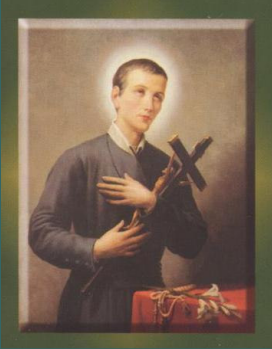
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7 Mary's Party	8 Mary's B'day	9	10	11	12 L&L Begins Co-op	13
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21 Camporee	22	23	24 CWM	25	26 Co-op	27
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Event Coordinators at a Glance

- 1) Co-op: Karen, krwise1@comcast.net
- 2) L&L: Stacy, stacy_fileccia@charter.net
- 3) Field Trip RSVP: Diane, diane@di-gi-disc.com
- 4) Mary's Party: Kathleen, triplejmk@bellsouth.net
- 5) MNO: Angela, jpass1@bellsouth.net
- 6) Camporee: Ida, pfie1279@windstream.net
- 7) CWM: Lisa, skuroski@comcast.net
- 8) Meal Angels: Stacy Palmer, packofpalmer@adelphia.net
- 9) Ice Cream Social: Sharon Santini, sls2k6@bellsouth.net

Kids' C



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

- Stacy Fileccia – April 1
- Diana Connolly due in December
- Kelly Patilla in December
- Tracy Cullom in December
- Carrie Borgerding in Oct/Nov
- Jill Fernando
- Becky Lambert due Feb. 11th

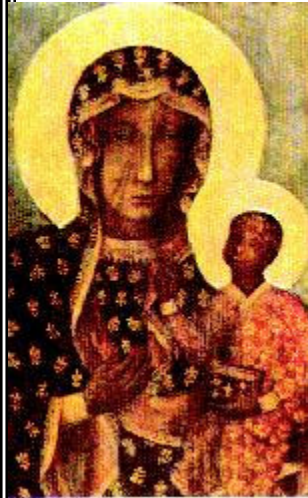


Thank you Angela for coordinating our meal angels for years!! Job very well done and so many people were blessed by your efforts. Stacy Palmer has graciously volunteered to take over this role. Thanks Stacy.

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

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Consecration to Mary



O Mary, Virgin most powerful and Mother of mercy, Queen of Heaven and Refuge of sinners, we consecrate ourselves to thine Immaculate Heart.

We consecrate to thee our very being and our whole life; all that we have, all that we love, all that we are. To thee we give our bodies, our hearts and our souls; to thee we give our homes, our families, our country. We desire that all that is in us and around us may belong to thee, and may share in the benefits of thy motherly benediction. And that this act of consecration may be truly efficacious and lasting, we renew this day at thy feet the promises of our Baptism and our first Holy Communion.

We pledge ourselves to profess courageously and at all times the truths of our holy Faith, and to live as befits Catholics who are duly submissive to all the irrections of the Pope and the Bishops in communion with him. We pledge ourselves to keep the commandments of God and His Church, in particular to keep holy the Lord's Day. We likewise pledge ourselves to make the consoling practices of the Christian religion, and above all, Holy Communion, an integral part of our lives, in so far as we shall be able so to do.

Finally, we promise thee, O glorious Mother of God and loving Mother of men, to devote ourselves wholeheartedly to the service of thy blessed cult, in order to hasten and assure, through the sovereignty of thine Immaculate Heart, the coming of the kingdom of the Sacred Heart of thine adorable Son, in our own hearts and in those of all men, in our country and in all the world, as in heaven, so on earth. Amen.