

THE AUGMENTER

Webster's Definition:
augment (verb)—to
make or become greater
augmenter (noun)

Newsletter for Families of St. Augustine Religious Education in Larchmont, NY

Our entire task in this life consists in healing the eyes of the heart so that they may be able to see God. — St. Augustine

Did You Know?

We tipped 600! We have 605 registered children and young people from Grades 1 through 9 in our **Religious Education Program** and almost 100 catechists, assistant catechists and volunteers. See page 2.

Our Religious Ed curriculum is lectionary and liturgy based. The lesson each week that comes from the **Pflaum Gospel Weeklies** is a handout, not a book, based on the Gospel of that Sunday. It is developmentally appropriate, i.e. **Promise** for Grade 1, **Good News** for Grades 2 and 3, **Venture** for Grades 4,5 and 6 and **Visions** for Grades 7 and 8. Simply, the lesson is in three parts: **Our Story, the Jesus Story and Live the Story.** This religious educational program presumes that families participate EACH SUNDAY in the Eucharist!

Sister Suzanne continues to afford the **Liturgy of the Word for Children** during the 10:30 am Sunday Family Mass for children ages 4 through 9.

We do not use the term CCD! It means Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and went out of vogue 50 years ago! **Religious Education is what we are about.** Please reframe your vocabulary to say **Religious Ed** rather than CCD! The word "educate" derives from the Latin *educare*, understood as "to bring forth, to draw out, to support," to 'lead out' from oneself into a wider world.

TEEN OPPORTUNITIES

- ♥ **Eight teens from our parish:** Angelique Kravath, Chloe White and Gabrielle Santo, all juniors, and Katherine Orgielewicz, Sophie Letondot, Aidan Chapin, Skyler Minguillo, Cameron Robb, sophomores, participated in the **Urban Challenge at the Romero Center in Camden, NJ** from June 27 to July 2, 2016. Their chaperones, Lu Doyle, Jeanette Hernandez and Jim Cunningham accompanied them on this life-changing event to actually be with, help and experience the poor in their midst.
- ♥ **Ten teens are catechists and assistant catechists** in our Religious Education Program.
- ♥ **New avenues of service are developing for teens**, and adults with them, to build a house for Habitat for Humanity, to interview parishioners for the oral history of the parish in honor of our upcoming 125th anniversary of the parish, and to participate again in the Urban Challenge at the Romero Center in Camden, NJ.
- ♥ **Older teens**, i.e. sophomores, juniors and seniors, are being asked, via the **STAY Connected** Facebook page, to participate in filling stockings for the children and teens at St. Vincent's Hospital as their Advent Angel project.
- ♥ **Confirmation candidates will partner with the 80 first grade children for the Christmas Pageant on December 18 at 3:30 p.m. in Kenny Hall.** Michael Ward will direct the children's choir during the Pageant. The Knights of Columbus will provide the refreshments afterwards in the cafeteria.

Our children are being asked to choose an Advent Angel on Nov. 16 and 20 and buy a gift or gifts for their child who would not have any gifts this Christmas. We support: St. Rita's Clinic, Mamaroneck Community Services, Youth Shelter Program of Westchester, Children Center at The Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, Cardinal McCloskey Community Services, Odyssey House, The Little Sisters of The Assumption Family Health Service Seniors – men and women in our community who are homebound or in need and Family Angel – Family or individuals in our parish that have reached out to us or been referred to The Angel Tree program.

The Gifts must be brought to Kenny Hall on Dec. 4 and 7. Confirmation candidates will help with the wrapping and delivering of the gifts.

Two thirds of our 52 Confirmation candidates have pledged \$20 or more for their Advent Angel project. All proceeds will benefit the young men & women at The Odyssey House and The Youth Shelter of Westchester. **Parents have pledged to match their son's or daughter's pledge.**

Thanks for our catechists and assistants, people who give themselves unreservedly to the spread of our faith and the witness of the Gospel. The dedication and dynamism of these people mark the meaning of all that is—God With Us.

First Grade

Courtney Hewson
 Patricia Fabrizio*
 Kristen Fusco*
 Linnea Holmes
 Jodie Jamieson
 Molly Joyce
 Diane Lama*
 Roseann Liotta*
 Samantha Menzel
 Valerie Mouracade
 Laura Noll*
 Liam O'Reilly*
 Helen Propersi*
 Celine Saghir*

Second Grade

Terry Donnellan
 Lynda Fisher
 Joan Haworth
 Janelle Kahan
 Cha Mackie
 Christina O'Shea
 Lisa Rooth*
 Sharon Selvaggio*
 Jillian Tardio*

Third Grade

Alison Cohen
 Lisa Collins
 Iraci DiBuono*
 Charles Dupin*
 Carey Federspiel
 Christina Grimes
 Carolyn Hanrahan
 Rachel Horan
 Fran Mannix*
 Stephanie McNally
 Maureen Moriarty
 Tiffany Smith*
 Courtney Whitaker

High School Confirmation

Sister Suzanne
 Assistants
 Diane Andersen
 Rachel Erfe

Fourth Grade

Jim Cunningham*
 Michael DeMatteo*
 Marion Glassman*
 Megan Graham
 Therese Hollwitz
 Laura Kiernan
 Giles Mellet
 Danielle Stout
 Abby Showers
 Juliet Webb*

Fifth Grade

André Castaybert
 Anna Granda*
 Rosa Sofia Kaminski*
 Lynn Maffei*
 Janeen Minguillo*
 Amanda Schlumberger
 Jenny Webb
 Pier Witek

Sixth Grade

Maria Docters
 Greg Hurley
 Elizabeth Kearney
 MaryAnn Martucci
 Anne McCarthy
 Margarita Sawhney

Seventh Grade

Kate Anderson
 Todd Isberg
 Jodi Jamieson
 Jack Jamieson
 Maureen Meehan

Eighth Grade

Linda Brown
 Dawn Johanson
 Terence Joyce
 Karen Khor
 Mary Ann Mazza
 Michele Phelan
 Juan Pujadas
 Annalea Ricci
 Ken /ricci
 Mary Spollen
 John Wilson

* **New Catechists & Assistants as of 2016**

*** **Special Wednesday Volunteers:**

Office: Maurizio Bertini, Tom Burns, Terry Augustine, Mary Ann Martucci and Jackie Shannon

Child Care: Juliet Bailey (coordinator), Loren Belisle, Margaret Chiou, Clara Hewson, Meegan Insley, Roseann Liotta, Margaret Paganini, Charlotte Thivaivos and Sandra Torres

*** **Special Wednesday Afternoon Staff:** Anne Avenius, Robert Paoli and Joseph Volpe

*** **Special Sunday Volunteers:** Diane Lama, Esther Laudo, Niki Rendic, Maura Gallagher and Ed Rice

Buy your Advent/Christmas Wreaths to support our local food pantry and Catholic Relief Services for the Haitians



Sign-up in the back of the church on November 20th and 27th

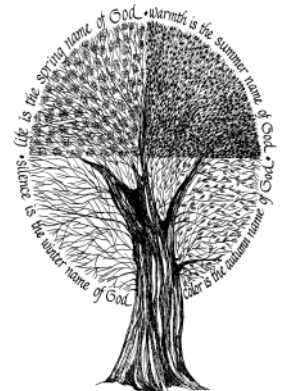
Wreaths will be sold after Sunday Masses on November 27th and December 4th

The Thanksgiving Dinner Drive feeds 400 Plus! Prepare a dinner for a family.

Come one, come all to the *Advent Potluck Dinner* on Sunday, December 11 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Kenny Hall. Eat, drink and sing. All ages welcome! Crafts for children! Please contact ldoyle@staugustineny.org



Our 1st graders will perform a Christmas Pageant on December 18 at 3:30 pm in Kenny Hall.



The Augmenter logo expands our vision of God through the seasons. It reminds us of God's presence in the here and now of our community in Larchmont, where most of the streets are named after trees. It takes us into a new realm of naming God through the signs of the seasons and makes greater the marvel of who God is—life, warmth, color and silence.

