

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

What If?

What if this Advent/Christmas time was different this year?

What if our days this Advent season were slower and more **reflective and less hurried?**

What if we could breathe with ease and joy this season and refrain from wishing Christmas would end?

What if our children would become aware of what each can give to another rather than what they receive?

What if our family made time for each other around the table with **ritual, prayer and mealtime?**

I suggest that you make good use of the Advent 2104 enclosed.

The day by day activities suggested are simple but will have a lasting influence on your family. Christmas will be the true birth of Jesus in your midst and your interactions.

The same group of Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet who produce the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies create this handout. Please don't miss the Table Grace and the alternative gift-giving options inside.

What if you participate in the *Advent Potluck Dinner* on Sunday, December 7 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Kenny Hall. Eat, drink and sing. All ages are welcome! Crafts for children! St. Augustine's choirs will lead us in the music of the season before and after dinner. Please contact ldoyle@staugustineny.org

The Thanksgiving Dinner Drive Feeds 400 Plus!

Home-cooked meals are a rare treat especially for people on the margins. St. Augustine's performs such a feat when you cook home-made Thanksgiving dinners and bring them in a sturdy box to church, defining the family size, on Thanksgiving Day between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. The Mass at 9:30 a.m. which celebrates our giving and thanksgiving smells delicious!! Please consider signing up to perform this tremendous service in the back of the church or email Anne Avenius at aavenius@msn.com or Margaret Paganini at amkmfrbr@aol.com

Buy your Advent/Christmas Wreaths and Support our Local Food Pantries

Our Confirmation candidates and their parents will be selling Advent and/or Christmas wreaths Sundays, November 30 and December 1 after the Masses in front of the church. Candles and wreath rings will also be available for purchase. The wreaths are coming from Sisters Gail, Bernadette and Amie at the Green Mountain Monastery in Vermont. The Sisters hand harvest the balsam from their trees in the forest on their property for you. They trim the balsam branches to encourage heartier trees and receive the incredibly fragrant gift of these noble friends of the forest in return. In a world where we are presented with the devastation of Earth and its life systems at every level, this small act of "Communion consciousness" models a different way of being human within the sacred community of life.

The cost is \$25 each wreath with \$5 going to our local food pantries for every wreath sold. Each wreath is 20 inches with a bow and pine cones.

Please reserve a wreath by signing the poster in the back of the church or emailing Sister Suzanne at srsuzanne@verizon.net. You may pay in advance and send a check to Sister Suzanne or pay when you pick up your wreath. We are hoping to sell 100 wreaths this year that will enable us to give \$250 to the Hope Food Pantry and \$250 to the CAP Center. Please support us and the needs of our local food pantries.

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

Sarah Bauer
 Roisin Butler
 Kerry Castro*
 Lisa Collins*
 Carey Federspiel
 Rachael Horan
 Mairin Mara*
 Jani Mason*
 Brenda McMillan*
 Moira O’Connell*
 Diane Proctor
 Danielle Stout
 Courtney Whitaker*
 Jen Young*

Second Grade

Patti Anderson
 Cathy Bizzard*
 Terry Donnellan
 Megan Graham
 Rachael Grimm
 Joan Haworth
 Hope Hickey
 Jesse Lama*
 Lessy Martinez
 Lynelle McLane*
 Lea Schnetzer*
 Abby Showers
 Annmarie Showers*
 Marianne Walsh*

Third Grade

Ann Betkowski
 Lynda Fisher
 Linnea Holmes*
 Jacqui Longbucco
 Cha Mackie
 Laura Maloney
 Carlos Perdomo*
 Elvira Perdomo
 Amanda Schlumberger

Fourth Grade

Brenda Heffernan
 Courtney Hewson
 Greg Hurley
 Karen Khor
 Mary Ann Martucci
 Anne McCarthy
 Jessica Prezorski*
 Pier Witek



Fifth Grade

Kate Anderson
 Jack Jamieson
 Jodi Jamieson
 Margaret Kohler*
 Gina Loughran*
 Mark McNally
 Maureen Meehan
 Jenny Webb
 John & Katie Wilson

Sixth Grade

Julie Baez*
 Linda Brown
 André Castaybert
 Dawn Johanson
 Sara Romero Keeshan
 Teresa Laughlin
 Joe Pantigoso*
 Juan Pujadas

Seventh Grade

Diane Andersen
 Tom Andersen
 Therese Hollwitz
 Valerie Mouracade
 Margarita Sawhney
 Jon Zobel*

Eighth Grade

Anita Dziwura
 James Dziwura*
 Rachael Erfe
 Maryann Mazza
 Annalea & Ken Ricci*
 Margarita Sawhney
 Mary Spollen

Confirmation: Sr. Suzanne; Assistant, Jack Leitner; office, Diane Lama; Service, Meg Bausano; & Special Projects, Brigid Brennan

* **New Catechists & Assistants as of 2014**

*** **Special Wednesday Volunteers:**

Nurse: Judy-Chan O’Reilly; **Office:** Jessica Ayala, Tom Burns, Jackie Shannon and Karen Robb ; **Child Care:** Juliet Bailey, coordinator, Silvia Claiborne, Louise Hakansson, Jennifer Helgensen, Rose Hildago, Roseann Liotta, Diana Marturet, Margaret Paganini and Tiffany Simko

*** **Special Wednesday Staff:** Anne Avenius

*** **Special Sunday Volunteers:** Diane Lama, Maura Gallagher and Ed Rice;

Special Sunday Staff: Jessica Ayala

Sister Suzanne Duzen, SS.C.M.,
 Director of Religious Education
 Publisher of *The Augmenter*
 Send suggestions for future articles to:
 srsuzanne@verizon.net

2015—Sacramental Program

The Sacramental Program for **First Reconciliation and Eucharist** will formally begin for **parents** in January. **Choose one meeting please.**

They are:

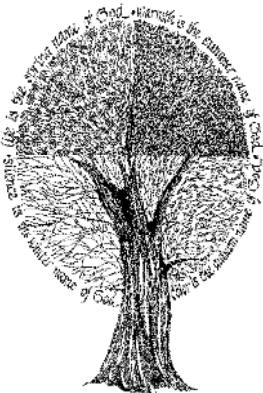
Wednesday, January 7 at 7:30 p.m. or **Wednesday, January 14 at 7:30p.m.** **Sunday, January 11 at 9:00 a.m.**

All meetings will take place in Kenny Hall.

First Reconciliation is on **Saturday, March 7 at 11:00 a.m. for 2A4, 2A5, 2S1 and 2S2; and 1:00 p.m. for 2A1, 2A2 and 2A3.**

First Eucharist is on **Saturday, May 16 at 9:00 a.m. for 2S1 and 2S2; 10:30 a.m. for 2A1, 2A2 and 2A5; and at noon for 2A3 and 2 A4.**

Confirmation is on **Saturday, May 30 at 5:00 p.m.**



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.