

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 Pictures Dot the Walls of St. Augustine's?

In thinking about the **Increased Offertory Appeal** and the special programs that have arisen in the last eight years, I started to ponder. . .

In so many homes pictures of the children at different ages abound and memories surface, tantalizing and luring the onlooker into wondering: **What really happened? What were the important events? Who are these people? How has this family grown?**

In looking back at the years since 2008 I am reminiscing too. If we dotted the walls of St. Augustine's in regard to **our Religious Education program what would we see?**



"Gee, Grandma, you have a lot of thoughts on your wall."

Enrollment	Catechists/ Assistants		Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Family Mass
2008 → 465	58	17	2008 → 40 children
2015 → 590	60	23	2015 → 90 children

Sacramental programs			Greater Involvement of 7th & 8th grades at 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass as greeters, collectors and gift bearers.
	Reconciliation and Eucharist	Confirmation	
2008	56	47	
2015	87	53	

5:00 p.m. Youth Mass on the first Sunday of every month.



Michael Ward, our Music Director, initiated a children's choir at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass which is open to all children in the parish.

Youth Ministry for 10th, 11th and 12th grades

2010: **STAY Connected** began with **12 teens (as Jesus did with his 12 Apostles) of 10th, 11th and 12th grades.** This group met monthly and sponsored the Empty Bowls Soup Supper that was held three years in a row. The teens also sponsored a Pancake Supper to build community. This group eventually numbered about 20 teens.

The **STAY Connected Facebook page** has 80 members (high school and college young people who are in touch with each other and the events that are sponsored.)

2015: A special model of **STAY Connected youth ministry—Christ Wants More** with 30 teens. The group meets monthly for an hour of reflection and discussion on the Sunday's Gospel facilitated by a husband and wife team. Another couple prepares the supper which follows. Each month the teens reflect on Jesus' call to live as disciples amidst the challenges they face. Another mentoring couple brings to life Christ's message of Wanting MORE.

High school retreats are held under the direction of **ABC Ministries** for the Confirmation candidates and the older teens yearly.

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

Patti Anderson
Christina Chandra*
Lynda Fisher
Carolyn Hanrahan*
Jodie Jamieson
Beth Jacobs
Cha Mackie
Nora McMillan*
Maria Padova*
Anne Walker*
Marianne Walsh
Juliet Webb*

Second Grade

Sarah Bauer
Lisa Collins
Cara Connolly*
Terry Donnellan
Carey Federspiel
Rachael Horan
Joan Haworth
Brenda McMillan
Molly Joyce*
Stephanie McNally*
Maureen Moriarty*
Felicia Morton*
Moira O'Connell
Debbie Orta
Diane Proctor*
Courtney Whitaker

Third Grade

Cathy Bizzard
Roisin Butler
Hope Hickey
Brennan Hickey*
Megan Graham
Rachael Grimm
Laura Kiernan*
Katherine McCarthy*
Lynelle McLane
Lea Schnetzer
Abby Showers
Danielle Stout
Kim Vetere*

High School Confirmation

Sister Suzanne

Assistants
Caroline Finn and
James Dziwura

Fourth Grade

Cameron Alvar*
Alison Cohen*
Helen Glynn*
Christina Grimes
Linnea Holmes
Laura Maloney
Samantha Menzel*
Olivia Marr*
Amanda Schlumberger
Carlos Perdomo
Elvira Perdomo

Fifth Grade

André Castaybert
Therese Hollwitz
Greg Hurley
Elizabeth Kearney
Karen Khor
Anne McCarthy
Jenny Webb

Sixth Grade

Jack Jamieson
Jodi Jamieson
Kate Anderson
Mark McNally
Maureen Meehan
John Wilson

Seventh Grade

Maria Docters
Fran & Fernando Docters*
Anita Dziwura
John Dziwura*
Linda Brown
Dawn Johanson
Margaret Paganini*
Joe Pantigoso
Michele Phelan*

Eighth Grade

Rachael Erfe
Terence Joyce*
Mary Ann Mazza
Valerie Mouracade
Juan Pujadas
Annalea & Ken Ricci
Mary Spollen



* **New Catechists & Assistants as of 2015**

*** **Special Wednesday Volunteers:**

Office: Maurizio Bertini, Tom Burns, Amy Hogan, Mary Ann Martucci and Jackie Shannon

Child Care: Juliet Bailey (coordinator), Monica Cirillo, Meegan Insley, Roseann Liotta, Thea Minello, Margaret Paganini Colleen Reagins, Charlotte Thivaos and Christy Wendell

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

*** **Special Sunday Volunteers:** Diane La.ma, Niki Rendic, Maura Gallagher and Ed Rice

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



Sign-up in the back of the church on November 15th and 23rd

Wreaths sold after Masses on November 29th and December 6th

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 13 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Kenny Hall. Eat, drink and sing. All ages welcome! Crafts for children! St. Augustine's Children's Choir will lead us in the music of the season before and after dinner. Please contact doyle@staugustineny.org

Our 1st graders will top the event with a Christmas tableau.

