

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

Thanks for the Giving

Meister Eckhart once said, "If the only prayer we say is 'thank you,' it will be enough."

I hope that my **thank you** to so many for their time, talent and treasure will be enough!

Sr. Suzanne

- * **Debbie Quintana's** initiative to collect Halloween candy yielded a store of goodies for the Troops and Midnight Run. Our children and young people gave from their abundance.
- * Some participated in the Walk for Habitat for Humanity with sponsor support who created housing for those who are in need. Special commendations to **Anne Avenius** who is always there taking care and coordinating.
- * Many families and individuals will make Thanksgiving meals, participate in the Thanksgiving Liturgy and deliver these scrumptious delights realizing the marvel of the common good for all. **Margaret Paganini, Anne Avenius and Joan Clarke** deserve our deepest gratitude for leading us in this experience.
- * The Angel Tree is a symbol of what can happen when people come together for others. **Sue Romagnoli** has orchestrated this venture for the last four years and continues with her committee to manifest Jesus' words, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst."
- * **Jennie McFarland** has continued

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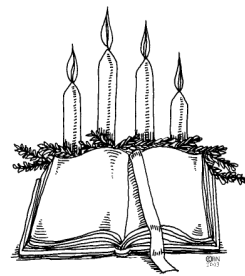


**You
Are
Invited**

to a combined **Choral Concert** and **Christmas Pageant** titled "God With Us" featuring our choir, our esteemed organist and choir director, Michael Ward and our featured first graders and teen narrators on **Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in our church.** By bringing us together as a parish community of all ages and families we give meaning to our worth and dignity as the Body of Christ.

- Helpful to the success of our religious ed process of growth:**
- ☺ Be on time for class.
 - ☺ Come ready with a smile on your face and in your heart.
 - ☺ Remember that you are in God's presence.
 - ☺ Open your heart to God.
 - ☺ Share the Good News of Jesus with your family and friends.

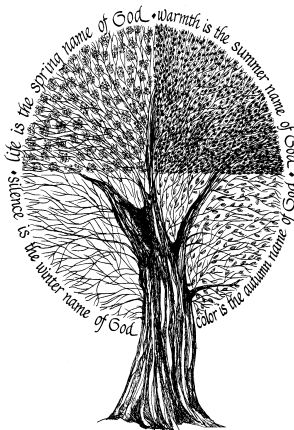
Advent



O Come Emmanuel

As an instrument of peace and community building the newsletters, **Finding God** and **The Augmenter**, will come to your home to promote communication and hospitality. At St. Augustine's, we are a welcoming Church, reaching out to one another and to all, for the life of the world.

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.



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—our Emmanuel.

First Grade

Brigid Brennan
Barbara Coyne
Maria Docters
Theresa Fanelli
Paul Kaminski
Grace Mahoney
Jennie McFarland
Kathy Rasor
Lisa Sommer
Mary Wade

Second Grade

Catherine de Clerck
Rachel Erfe
Theresa Finck
Kathleen Gajda
Megan Graham
Beth Moretti
Valerie Mouracade
Mary Elizabeth Olson
Margarita Sawhney
Abigail Showers
Jane Symington

Third Grade

Rosemarie Alfieri
Joan Capaldi
Susan Cleary-Ansbro
Patricia Connell
Antoinette Damiano
Allison Doern
Anita Dziwura
Paul Kaminski
Laura Leva
Karen Robb
Karin Wojciechowski

Fourth Grade

Barbara Cleary
Helene Cote
Alyssa Crowley
Laura Livaccari
Kathleen Mackie
Michael Sheldon
Jenny Webb

Fifth Grade

Claudia Castaybert
Michael Comerford
Erin Finerty

Edward Hogan
Susan King
Nora McMillan
Dick Mumma
Ellis Powers
Katherine Verni

Sixth Grade

Ann Betkowski
Fred Bruno
Joan Clarke
Anita Dziwura
Rachel Erfe
Elizabeth Fitzgerald
Mona Lisa Salveggi
Annemarie Papazoglou
Soledad Sambrano
Susan Sweeney
Christina Webers

Seventh Grade

Diane Andersen
Nancy Borzain
Phyllis Doherty
Jane Nishimura
Debra Quintana

Emy Vanderpool

Seventh /Eighth Grade

Gregory Hurley
Felipe Lecaros

Eighth Grade

Margaret Burke
Germaine Cuff
Joseph Gryzlo
Philip Johanson
Gina LePore
Mary Spollen
Julie Tunguz

Ninth Grade

Rosemary Parandelis
Victoria-Rizzo-Nikou
Mary Ellen Beitel
Carmen White
Maria Chan Twomey
John Twomey
Chris Grinnell
Brenda Heffernan
MaryAnn Martucci

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to support the troops through first hand experience of knowing what the needs are. On December 6 when the items are collected and boxed we send a heartfelt prayer for those so far away in distance but not far away in thought and in our heart.

- * By purchasing wreaths from **Sisters Gail and Bernadette** of the Green Mountain Monastery Earth's forests are sustained.
- * Those who use the vehicle of **Re-Direct Christmas** to gift others and help those in need change consumerism into caring.

Sister Suzanne Duzen, SS.C.M., Director of Religious Education
Publisher of *The Augmenter*

Send suggestions for future articles to: srsuzanne@verizon.net

Holiday Schedule for Religious Education

Last Class—Wednesday, December 16 and Sunday, December 20
Class resumes—Wednesday, January 6 and Sunday, January 10



SNOW CLOSING INFORMATION

WEDNESDAY—We will close when the Mamaroneck School District closes.

SUNDAY—There will be a telephone chain to the catechists who will then contact their students.