

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

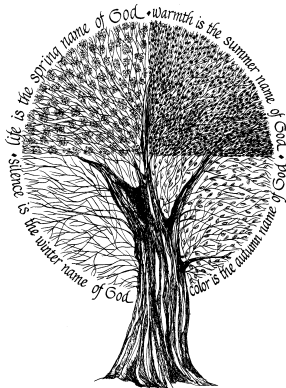
THE AUGMENTER

Newsletter for Families of St. Augustine Religious Education in Larchmont, NY
God loves each of us as if there were just one of us. — St. Augustine

Our Pastor Teaches Church History to the 8th Grade

Did you ever try to give a course to eighth graders in church history in a synthesized succinct version that makes sense to them? Msgr. Kelly is going to be doing exactly that during the month of January. Capsulizing centuries of the ways of God in a meaningful style for 8th graders to make connections is indeed a mighty task but Msgr. Kelly revels in doing that for young people. He will share his wisdom in a 21st century style to illuminate our learners with a time line that shows how God is always present with the people.

The Augmenter logo expands our vision of God through the seasons. It reminds us of God's active presence in our community of 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.



Stories as a Way of Teaching the Sacrament of Reconciliation

During January Sister Suzanne will be visiting the second grade classrooms with stories that give learners an image of God that relates to them and their life. The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown, The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein and The Tree That Always Said No by Leo Price bring an image of God to children that fills them with confidence and love. A wholesome and familial relationship can grow with a God who wants to be close to them. A tree puppet that transforms as both characters is an addition not to be missed! The Scripture stories of the Forgiving Father, The Lost Sheep and Zaccheus will also be shared to better understand God's way of reaching out to embrace our children. Sister teaches the Ten Commandments with a simple song that helps children remember how to live and grow. Sister Suzanne prepared special booklets for our children and their parents to better prepare them for responding to the gift of the sacrament.

The Eucharist is a Call to Serve and Minister as an Altar Server

In February our learners in 5th and 6th grade will be offered a better understanding of Mass. When giving them the opportunity of considering altar serving they will learn what the expectations are and be more prepared for the call and decision.

A Letter to a Bishop Anticipates a Candidate's Call to Mission

Confirmation Candidates will be writing to Bishop Sullivan as they anticipate their decision to be confirmed. In this endeavor they write their own particular hopes and desires as they prepare for this sacrament. Bishop Sullivan reads each letter and considers it paramount to learn about each candidate.

Upcoming Events in January & February

Parent Meetings for first Reconciliation

January 11 at 9:00 am or

January 13 at 7:30 pm

Msgr. Kelly teaches church history to Grade 8

Wednesday January 14, 21 and 28

Sr. Suzanne teaches the second graders

Sundays and Wednesdays in January

First Reconciliation at 1:00 pm

Saturday, February 7

Send suggestions for future articles to:
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Please Note: Sunday Family Liturgy at 10:30 am will be held in Church during the month of January. St. Suzanne continues to offer Liturgy of the Word for children (ages 4—8).