

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

Teens Support CRS Food Fast

Recently twenty-five teenagers, primarily from the ninth grade Confirmation class, and three sophomores participated in a 12-hour Food Fast that supported the Catholic Relief Services. Activities included prayer, arts, games, and a special presentation by Tony Bellizzi, who opened the door into the world of Victor and Jefferson in Peru and John from Bolivia that "put perspective into our lives." Urged on by the 8 adult volunteers the teens voiced these learnings: "how some people live around the world," "how it feels to be hungry," and "how important sacrifice is." As a result of this experience some teens felt that they would "waste less," "try to make others aware of world struggles" and "in feeling a little bit about what the poor feel we were stopped in our tracks to really think." Through their efforts and the sponsors who supported them they raised \$2,700 for the rescue needs that CRS provides.

You are invited to . . . *A Unique Version of*

The Living Stations of the Cross

The Journey of the Heart For the Life of the World

Wednesday, March 24, 2010
7:30 p.m. St. Augustine Church

The Confirmation candidates will enact
the Way of Compassion
for the poor, the oppressed,
the voiceless, those without hope,
all in need of Jesus' redemption,
and lead us in prayer and song.

This version will bring home to us the relevance that Jesus' passion, death and resurrection have in our lives in the 21st century. Our young people will help us "walk in another's shoes" as we pray that our God will heal a broken world with our responding to the needs of our brothers and sisters in our midst and throughout the world.

Altar Serving Answers our Baptismal Call to Holiness

Our fifth grade learners have the opportunity of learning how to be altar servers as part of their curriculum. By walking through the steps of liturgical worship we offer our learners increased awareness in doing Eucharist as a community, not just watching it. Each learner will be given the instruction and the hands on experience that is needed to serve. Both as privilege and possibility they can continue to become involved in the life of our parish community.

Attend the Triduum in Holy Week

Holy Thursday-8:00 p.m.
Good Friday-3:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday-8:00 p.m.

Seder for Sixth Grade

The Seder is another unique opportunity afforded our sixth grade on March 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Rabbi Jeff Sirkman graces us with his presence and expertise in explaining the Passover meal and indulging us in this ritual. Msgr. Kelly, our pastor, will host the celebration. Parent volunteers lead by Liz Fitzgerald, Joan Clark, Christina Weber and Jeannie Summo will provide the meal.

CRS 12-hour FOOD FAST

MARCH 26-27, 2010

Participants

Katie Barbaro, Owen Beitel, Ian Brown, Ryan Cadden, Craig Casterla, Lizza Chapey, Brandon Damiano, Joann DiBuono, Erin Federspiel, Hannah Fitzgerald, Will Hofmann, Jack Irwin, Megan Jeffry, Alex Jenkins, Hope Joyce, Annabelle Kirk, Suzanne Lasagne, Joey Pawl, Kayla Provencher, Hana Robb, Alessandra Spada, Alex Sposito, Maggie Sullivan, Mary Taussig, Kiera Taussig, Nick Vanderpool, Ryan White.

Advisors

Erin Finerty, Michael Rose, Terri Hollwitz, Patricia Batista, Irma Garcia, Carlos Munoz, Henry Mellet, Gina LePore

"FOOD FAST HELPED ME UNDERSTAND GLOBAL HUNGER AND POVERTY ISSUES."



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"THE FOOD FAST WAS FUN, PRAYERFUL AND THE ACTIVITIES WERE GREAT!"



"I ENJOYED MAKING THE PUPPETS BECAUSE WE USED OUR CREATIVITY."

Sponsors: Mary Ellen & Gerry Beitel, Anne Betkowski, Fred Bruno, Carey Federspiel, Liz Fitzgerald, Chris Grinnell, Brenda Heffernan, Virginia Irwin, Michael Irwin, Pam Joyce, Peggy Kahn, Fr. Joseph Karimattom, Msgr. Thomas Kelly, Mimi Leddy, Gina LePore, Brenda McMillan, Eli Noy, Elahe Ohebshalom, Stephanie O'Keefe, Frank Owens, Rosemary Parandelis, Dawn Provencher, Andrew Showers, Anne-Meike Smeets, Teresa Spada, Adam Stolorow, Mary McAdam Sullivan, Diane Toscano, John Troy, Maria & John Twomey, Carmen White

Operation Rice Bowl Teaches Stewardship

Five hundred children and young people in our religious education program are endeavoring to make Lent meaningful through their mission of helping others. CRS Operation Rice Bowl is one

way of learning that we are our brothers and sisters' keepers. In giving time, talent, and treasure we live our Gospel call of being good stewards.