

Augusta Chapter

American Guild of Organists

December 2024

Epiphany Party

Monday, January 6th, 6pm

Home of Don Dupee

220 Gregg Avenue

Covered Dish & BYOB



“The Adoration of Kings” by Jan Gossaert (1478-1532)

A Poem for Epiphany

I AM HEADING home carrying the strange weight of my last encounter. A child shouts ‘Balthazar the Black King’, the words shake in my ear like a drunk fly. The ground seems to be opening its teeth, either to bite or to kiss me — my eyes feel foreign. I guess to know deeply, one must look deeply.

Plants are blooming from the ground, their leaves have the surreal spread of angel wings. Bewildered I swallow ginger powder, hope the sharp taste will jolt me awake from this strange scene. Stars begin falling like a rainy revival. Should I promise my people this is hope arriving?

My job often feels like a hefty stone But today I am powered by a fierce awe. Look I say to the stunned people let us look deeply to know this hope deeply.

Look at the Revival
Theresa Lola

Look at the Revival, commissioned by the National Gallery in response to ‘The Adoration of Kings’ painting by Jan Gossaert. The poem is in the voice of Balthazar, the Black King in the painting. This work was used for the sixth reading in the 2021 Lessons and Carols Service at King’s College Cambridge. www.theresalola.com

Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 7th - 7:30pm

Augusta Choral Society presents a Christmas Concert

Conductor Dr. Marcel Ramalho leads the choral society in Nunes Garcia’s “Missa Para Noite De Natal, Stephen Paulus’ “Christmas Tidings”, and Handel’s “Hallelujah Chorus”. Tickets are \$35 for Adults, \$30 for Seniors, \$15 for Students. Visit augustacs.org for more information.

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 605 Reynolds Street, Augusta

Sunday, December 8th - 6pm

Christmas at First Baptist

Choir & Orchestra

Dr. Ryan Heritage, conductor

First Baptist Church - 3500 Walton Way Ext. Augusta

Sunday, December 8th - 7pm
Claudio Monteverdi Vespers of 1610

MHT Parish and Children's Choirs with Orchestra

Jose Reyes-Ortiz, Conductor

Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church - 720 Telfair Street Augusta

Tuesday, December 10th - 7:30pm
A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

The Guild of Sacred Heart Cultural Center presents this annual Christmas event under the direction of Keith Shafer and based on the traditional English Christmas program that originated at King's College Chapel, Cambridge University, England. This night will feature leaders in the community as readers of the nine lessons and the parish choir of Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church under the direction of Jose Reyes-Ortiz singing a collection of carols and hymns. Tickets: \$25

Purchase tickets ONLINE on Ticket Leap or please call 706-826-4700

Thursday, December 12th - 7pm
Advent Spirituel

A candlelight service with readings and choral music. Free Admission.

Andrew Barnick, Organist & Director of Music

St. Mary on the Hill Catholic Church, 1420 Monte Sano Avenue, Augusta

Sunday, December 15th - 4:30 & 6:30pm
Lessons and Carols

Choirs & Orchestra

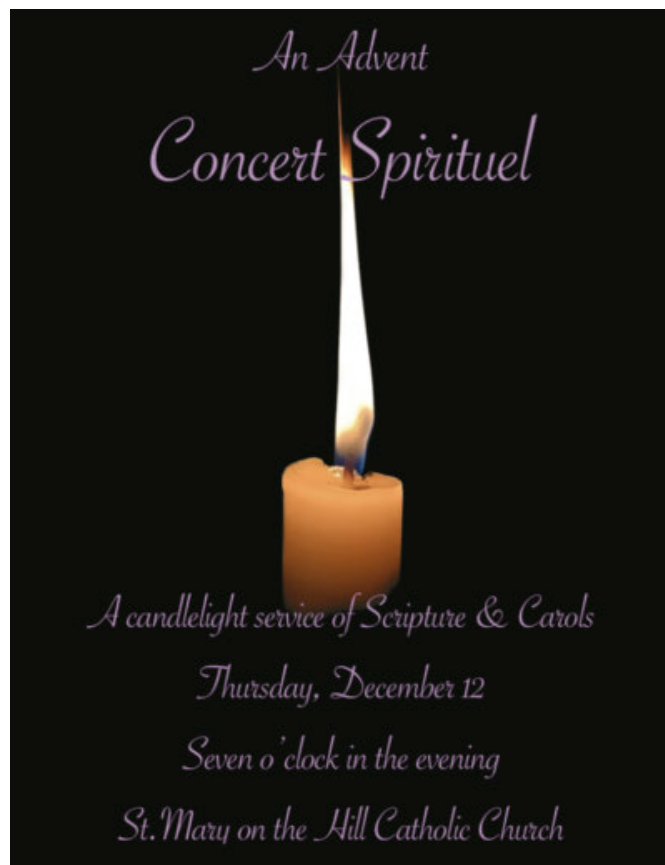
Dr. Leigh Fleury, conductor

First Presbyterian Church - 642 Telfair St. Augusta

Sunday, December 24th - 10:30pm
Concerts with a Cause: Christmas Eve
Concert and Lessons and Carols

St. John Choirs and Orchestra directed by Jamie Council Garvey

St. John United Methodist Church - 736 Greene Street, Augusta



Our sympathies go to AGO member Brad Cunningham upon the death of his mother on Sunday, November 24, 2024

Florence H. Cunningham, age 89, of Jonesboro, Georgia, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 24, 2024.

Florence was preceded in death by her beloved son, Stanley Harding Cunningham; her siblings, Jimmy Holland, Frances Price, and Louise Davis; and her parents, Dolphus and Musette Holland.

A dedicated administrative assistant, Florence worked for Clayton State School of Technology until her retirement. She was also a devoted member of The Rock Baptist Church for 40 years.

Florence will be dearly missed and lovingly remembered by her high school sweetheart and husband of 70 years, Charles Cunningham; her children, Charles Bradford Cunningham, John Michael (Janice) Cunningham, and Charlynn Marie Cunningham-Richardson; her sisters, Dorothea (Joe) Gatlin, Dianne Graybeal, and Eleanor (Helen Langa) Holland; her grandchildren, Lauren Richardson Hale, Drew Richardson, Brannon (Kaylee) Cooley, and Kristen C. (Joey) Poisson; her great-grandchildren, John Arthur Chadwick Hale, Brayden Cooley, Ansley Cooley, Emmy Poisson, and Elsy Poisson; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, November 29, 2024, at 2:00 PM at the Ford-Stewart Funeral Home Chapel, 2047 Hwy 138 SE, Jonesboro, GA 30236. A visitation will be held prior to the service from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM. Florence will be laid to rest at College Park Cemetery on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Florence's honor to Southwest Christian Care by visiting www.swchristiancare.org/support or by calling (770) 969-8354, or to any charity of your choice. For funeral details, go to Ford - Stewart Funeral Home in Jonesboro, GA.

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