

July 14, 2010



ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

FIAT PARENT NEWS

# Sacramental Preparation

Dear Parents,

We are currently accepting registration for **Reconciliation and Eucharist Preparation** for Annunciation children 7-10 years of age (7 years of age by September 20th) who have already been baptized, but have not yet been prepared for or celebrated the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. We are also accepting registration for **Confirmation Preparation** for Annunciation youth, 12-16 years of age (12 years of age by September 15th) who have already been baptized and who have prepared for and celebrated the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. All sacramental preparation is parish-based and family-centered, involving parents. Please note that sacramental preparation does not take place in school, so even if your child attends a Catholic School, including Annunciation, you still need to register for sacramental preparation. Registration information was recently mailed to all currently registered parishioners who have children eligible for sacramental preparation this year. Please call our Parish Office at 861-1295 or visit our parish web site sacramental prep pages, <http://www.annunciationbvmparish.org/sacramentalprep.html>, for more information. Registration forms can also be accessed at this site.



Sincerely,

Dr. Sandi Chakeres  
Director of Faith Formation

## Annunciation Rummage Sale



Our annual Annunciation Rummage Sale will be held in our gym this **Saturday, July 17th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** All donations may be dropped off at the gym now through **Friday, July 16th.** **Volunteers are needed** prior to the sale to help sort and price items, and volunteer cashiers are also needed the day of the sale.

To volunteer, and/or for more information, please **contact Meredith Turner**, chairperson, at 513-379-4463 or [meredithturner@zoomtown.com](mailto:meredithturner@zoomtown.com).

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### Special points of interest:

- *Thank you to all who helped with our June 24th Annunciation Picnic & Lawn Party!*
- *Wednesday, July 14th is the feast of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, one of the Patron Saints of our Annunciation School fourth grade class.*
- *Thursday, August 22nd is the feast of Saint Mary Magdalene, one of the Patron Saints of our Annunciation School third grade class.*

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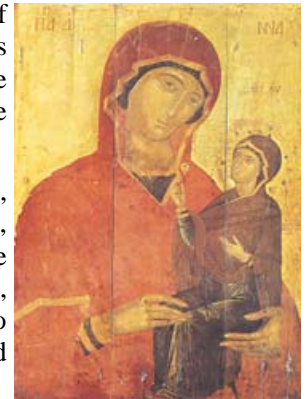
# Grandparents' Day!



ANNUNCIATION TO  
SAINT JOACHIM  
11TH CENTURY MOSAIC  
DAPHNI MONASTERY,  
KATHOLIKON

On Monday, July 26th, the Church celebrates the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and therefore grandparents of our Lord, Jesus. Neither Joachim and Anne's names, nor their story, are found in the Bible. Yet they have been honored by the Church, and their story has been told both orally and depicted in art, for centuries and centuries. How can this be?

Recall that originally the stories in our Bible were told orally, then written down at a later date. And recall, as well, that in the earliest years of Christianity, there were many stories, traditions, and writings which made their way into our Christian art and liturgy, but were not included in the final compilation of the New Testament, or Christian Scriptures. The story of Mary's parents (Jesus' grandparents) and of Mary's early life, was one case in point. But this story was written down as early as the 2nd century in a document called the *Protoevangelium of James*.



ST. ANNA &  
THE VIRGIN MARY  
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ATHENS

According to Tradition, as outlined in this 2nd century writing, Joachim and Anne were married, but childless. Being childless, their gifts were not even accepted at the Temple, and they were

scorned by others. Joachim went into the wilderness to pray for 40 days and nights. Anna, too, was at prayer, at home and in her garden. Then, simultaneously, an angel (Gabriel) appeared to both Joachim and Anne, announcing that they would have a child, who would be blessed and serve God all her days. That child was Mary, the Mother of Jesus!

So keep July 26th as the Church's "Grandparents' Day!" Invite the grandparents in your family, and/or the elders in your neighborhood, over for dinner or dessert. And why not make a visit to Annunciation Parish Church, where you can view our stained glass panel, *Mary Queen of Virgins*, which depicts scenes of Mary with Joachim and Anne! Join us for Mass at 8:00 a.m.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Now through August 16th: Registration for sacramental preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist (First Communion), and Confirmation. Visit our parish web site, [www.annunciationbvmparish.org](http://www.annunciationbvmparish.org), for registration forms.
- ◆ Thursday mornings, 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Morning Mass assembly gathers for Scripture Study
- ◆ Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon: Mrs. Berger's Garden Lunch Club
- ◆ Saturday, July 17th, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: Annunciation Rummage Sale. Held in the gym.
- ◆ Tuesday, August 3rd, 7:30 p.m.: Annunciation Parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference meeting
- ◆ Thursday, August 19th, 9:00 a.m.-Noon: Annunciation School Faculty Faith Formation meeting
- ◆ Monday, August 23rd, 7:00-8:30 p.m.: School Open House/Meet the Teacher Night

*It's Happening at  
Annunciation!*

## June 24th Picnic Photos

