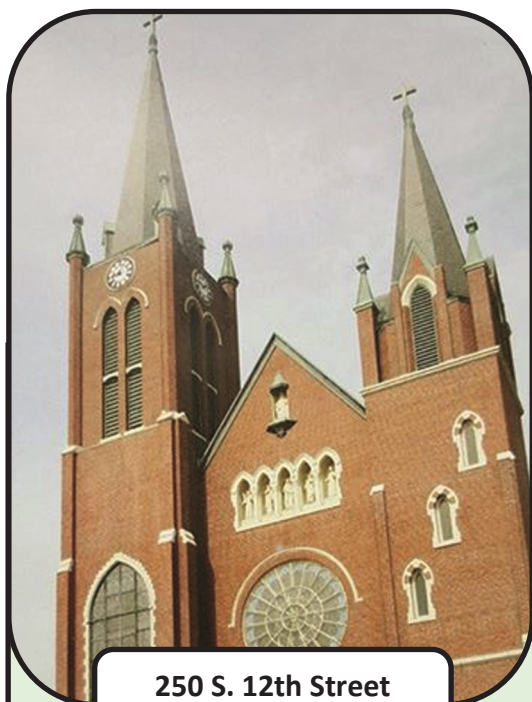


# Saint Mary's

# Saint Catharine of Siena Parish



**250 S. 12th Street  
Reading, PA 19602**

## ST. MARY'S REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 3:30 p.m.  
Sunday : 10:30 a.m.

### Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 2:45 -3:15 p.m. in the Church. Otherwise, by appointment only

### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Brian M. Miller, M.A., Pastor  
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Deacon John Stapleton  
Deacon Gregory Schneider  
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**4975 Boyertown Pike  
Reading, PA 19606**

## ST. CATHARINE'S REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Chapel  
Saturday: 4:30 p.m. - Church  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 - Church  
Daily: Monday - Friday - 7:15 a.m. - Chapel  
8:20 a.m. School Mass (Friday)

### Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Saturday - 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. in the Church otherwise, by appointment only.

**PARISH CENTER:** 2427 Perkiomen Avenue  
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### St. Catharine of Siena Parish Mission Statement

We, the people of St. Catharine of Siena Parish, as brothers and sisters in Christ guided by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and inspired by the works of our patron saint proclaim a desire to grow in our Roman Catholic faith through holiness and a willingness to serve the members of our parish family and community.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Saint Mary's News

Saturday, December 9th - 3:30 p.m. - Catherine Pieja-Cirulli  
Sunday, December 10th - 10:30 a.m. - Giuseppina DiMaria  
Saturday, December 16th - 3:30 p.m. - Muffy Reinecke  
Sunday, December 17th - 10:30 a.m. - Helena Wlazewska

ENVELOPES can be found today on the altar rail for poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. Each plant is \$12.00.



We will be decorating St. Mary's Church for Christmas on December 11th beginning at 9:00 am We look forward to your help.

St. Mary's Website will no longer active. All information for St. Mary's will be available on our Parish Website. A special thank you to Carl Gethmann for all his countless hours and dedication to the website.

The Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotion holds a special place in the spiritual life of Saint Catharine's & St. Mary's. It is an opportunity to gather as a community before the Blessed Sacrament and to pray before the Lord in solemn adoration. It gives us time to deepen our appreciation of the importance of the mystery of the Eucharist in our lives.

### Forty Hours Celebration

#### January 7, 8, & 9th

All at the Church, including daily Mass for Monday and Tuesday. Come meet the newly ordained priests for 2024.

#### Sunday January 7th

Location: Church  
Adoration 12:30 to 6:00pm  
Anointing of the Sick and Benediction 6:00pm  
Preacher at Benediction: Deacon JV

#### Monday January 8th

Location: Church  
Daily Mass 7:15am  
Adoration 7:45am to 6pm  
Evening Prayer and Benediction 6:00pm  
Preacher at Benediction: Deacon Keaton Eidle

#### Tuesday January 9th

Location: Church  
Daily Mass 7:15am  
Adoration 7:45am to 6pm  
Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction 7:00pm  
Preacher at Benediction: Deacon Aaron Scheidel



### Advent and Christmas 2023

#### Advent Confessions

##### Regular Schedule

Saturdays

**2:45pm-3:15 pm St. Mary's**

3:30pm-4:15 pm Church

Mondays

7:00 pm-8:00 pm Chapel (Dec. 18th at Church)

##### Additional Confessions for Advent

**Sundays**

6:45 am-7:15 am Church

8:45 am-9:15 am Church

**9:45 am-10:15 am St. Mary's**

10:45 am-11:15 am Church

##### Advent Penance Service - Monday December 18th

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Church

##### Father Miller's Bible Study Dates:

Tuesday, December 12th 6:30 pm Church

Thursday, December 21st 6:30 pm Church

##### Christmas Season

**Obligation to attend one of these:**

**4th Sunday Advent**

**Saturday December 23rd**

**3:30 pm St. Mary's**

4:30 pm Church

**Sunday December 24th\*\***

7:30 am Church

9:30 am Church

**\*\*There will be no 10:30 am St. Mary or 11:30 am Church\*\***

##### Christmas Eve

**Obligation to attend one of these as well:**

**Sunday, December 24th**

4:00 pm Church

7:00 pm Church

**9:00 pm St. Mary's**

10:30 pm Church

##### Christmas Day - Monday, December 25th

8:00 am Church

**9:00 am St. Mary's**

10:00 am - Church

##### Daily Mass from December 26th to December 29th

**9:00 am Chapel**

##### December, 30th-31st

Regular Sunday Schedule

##### January 1st - **Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year**

9:00 am Chapel

**Is 40:1-5, 9-11:** Make ready the way for the Messiah. Make known the Good News, for God is near.

**2 Pt 3:8-14:** There is no counting of time with God. He does not want anyone to perish. We await a new heaven and earth, relying on the justice of God.

**Mk 1:1-8:** John the Baptist announced the coming of Jesus. John called for repentance and promised that the Messiah would baptize in the Holy Spirit.

**Today's Message:** As we await new heavens and a new earth, let us make clear the way of the Lord by being servants of justice, truth, and peace.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

NEW PARISHIONERS' BRUNCH – following the 11:30 a.m. Mass  
ADVENT REFLECTION FOR MEN – 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until 8:00 p.m.

**CONFESSIONS – 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Chapel**

GUITAR GROUP PRACTICE – 7:00 p.m. – Church

CUB SCOUTS MEETING – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall

LIFE AFTER LOSS - 7:00 p.m. – Parish Center

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

FR. MILLER'S BIBLE STUDY – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. - Church

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

PREP – 6:30-8:30 p.m. - School

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

RCIA – 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Parish Center

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

AHG – 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

ULTREYA – Knights' Room – 10:00 a.m.

OPERATION MILK & COOKIES DROP OFF – 2:00-7:00 p.m. - Social Hall

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 Gloria Stoudt

4:30 Kevin McQuaite

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:30 Minnie Trabosh

9:30 Patricia Capilo

11:30 Kenton J. Rand (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:15 Deceased Members of the Rickert, Verbosh, Platko Families

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:15 Carl & Marie Heine

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:15 Anna Marie McIntyre (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:15 Paul Einfeldt

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:15 Jeffrey Kolb (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00 Betty Mesisca (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

4:30 Marguerite A. Arthur (30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:30 Jesse & Mary Arnold

9:30 Edward Burns

11:30 Steve Bibbo

### Scripture Readings For the Week of December 10, 2023

#### Sunday

##### Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

#### Monday

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

#### Tuesday

##### Fest of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

#### Wednesday

##### Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

#### Thursday

##### Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

#### Friday

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

#### Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

#### Sunday

##### Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

***We pray for the Gift of Peace*** in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Petty Officer Matthew J. Dobroskey, Jr., Cpl. Bruce Bogertey, SPC, Alex Heintz, Captain Chelsea Pellicano, Airman Ethan Kosmoski, LTJG Nicholas Tomczyk, Captain Steffan Lis, MD, SPC, Dylan Einfalt, Airman 1st Class Kevin Hodgson, Sgt. Madison Straka, First Lt. Devon Schoonover, Sgt. Mackenzie Adame, Lance Corporal Connor A. Soja, Staff Sgt. Brian Perrotto, Captain Anthony Bennett, Tom Bristol, Danny Bristol, Commander Daniel M. Simon, Staff Sgt. Michael Porcaro, Staff Sgt. Zak Ribble, Staff Sgt. Timothy Hinsey, Thomas Bristol, Col. Patrick Sullivan, Second Lt. Joshua Kline, Captain Kevin Madary, Sgt. First Class Andrew Spies, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Brizek, Warrant Officer Gregory Van Horn, Major Jeffrey Van Horn, Zachary Deissler, Amy & Gregory Boland, Lt. Col. Adam Sawyer, Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Sola, Lt. Cdr. Mathew Stuber, Sgt. Nathan Essig. Please contact the Parish Office with your prayer requests or email them to [dsitler@comcast.net](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net).

### For the week of December 10th

The Sanctuary Candle  
will burn In  
Loving Memory of



St. Catharine's Church - Nancy Marlin

St. Catharine's Chapel - Grace Wargo

St. Mary's - Helen Konkolus

**POPE'S PRAYER FOR December:** For persons with disabilities We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 12/11	Rev. Bruno Dongo, A.J.
Tuesday 12/12	Rev. Anthony M. Drouncheck
Wednesday 12/13	Rev. Ladislaus J. Dudek
Thursday 12/14	Rev. Giuseppe C. Esposito
Friday 12/15	Rev. Edward J. Essig
Saturday 12/16	Rev. Bernard J. Ezaki

**Catholic Trivia** - Question: To which Saint did Our Lady of Guadalupe appear?

- A. St. Junipero Serra
- B. St. Juan Diego Cuanhtlatotzin
- C. St. Maria Guadalupe Garcia Zavala
- D. St. Miguel Pro

Answer on page 6

**50 Plus News**

Please call, President, Kathleen Zagar, for any 50+ club inquiries. Her phone number is 610-698-3289. You can see us on Facebook for additional information.

**Meetings -**  
 January 3, 2024- Pat White will present the 2024 trips. Coffee, tea, water, and cake will be served.

**February 7, 2024:** Pastor Timothy Cramen will sing and play the guitar. Cake, coffee, tea, and water will be served.

**Trips**  
 April 18–21: Parade of Nations and Virginia International Tattoo - \$770 per person double occupancy (The Virginia International Tattoo incorporates groups from around the world, including acrobats, choral groups, and precision military drill teams.) Please call Pat White at 610-582-1437 or Bev Bard at 610-763-5654 for trip information. Trip reservations/ down payment deposits are currently being taken by Pat White, \$200 per person. Check should be made payable to St Catharine’s 50+ club.

Please call Maria Bunch at 610-914-7005 with the name of members who are sick or have died. We always welcome new members and encourage guests to join us at any of our meetings. **Our meetings are held at 1:00 PM on the first Wednesday of most months at Saint Catharine’s Social Hall. There will be no meetings during the special events’ months of April, August, and December.**

**Parish Nurse News** -You and your family will enjoy the warmth and joy of the holiday season when you feel well! Get enough sleep to refresh body and brain. Eat fruits and vegetables for vitamins and fiber. Hydrate! Sweeten water with cucumbers, lemons, or limes. Rest when you are tired. And, very important, smile often!

**RETROUVAILLE: Rediscover The Love In Your Marriage** - Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held February 16 - 18, 2024 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**Retirement Fund for Religious** - Say thank you to the senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who devoted their lives to serving others. The Diocesan Collection date for the Retirement Fund will be this weekend.

**New Catholic App that’s free for you and for our parish.**

Here is another way to stay in touch with your parish. The app is called Tabella. It contains prayers, novenas, podcasts, and faith formation which includes Fr. Mike Schmitz’s year of the Bible and year of the catechism series. Another important feature is the community page for each parish. One has been set up for St. Catharine’s. In this community section you will be updated with the daily parish liturgies and events. The bulletin will be posted there every week along with weather cancellations, reminders of holy days of obligations, confession times, and reminders about the events happening in the parish. See one of our youth group members in the back of the Church to help you with installing the app on your phone or mobile devices.



Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

**a time to be born... Recently Baptized:**

**Please pray for our sick:** Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Tara Arnold, Elizabeth Ashton, Baby Lanzo, Mike Bailey, Maura Barrasso, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Dolores Bertoti, Jason Beshore, Jodi Bixler, Michele Boucher, Joanne Bowman, Katie Briggs, Bruce Brandfon, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Renee Brzostek, Connie Burkhart, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Richard Cunnius, Larry Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, George Dietrich, Janet Dodge, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebright, Martin Eisenhower, Charles Elchlepp, Joe Essig, Robert Flipping, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Todd Gladfelder, Theresa Grabowski, David J. Gulati II, Doris Harner, Al Heck, Mary & Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, Carol Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Curtis S. Hill, Jesse Hill, Roger Hilton, James Hett, Michael Hivner, Carolyn Hoffman, Chuck Holt, Margaret Iuso, Katelynn Solecki Kajunski, Nikki Lyn Kells, Judith M. Koch, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, John Kompa, Deb Kothgasser, Rosemarie Kovacs, Doug Kroener, Dorothy Kulak, Walter LaSota, Darryl Larish, William Lawson, Pat Lenich, Alma Lonergan, Del Long, Jane Lubas, Joan Lubas, Rosemary Ludwig, Aleigha Manderbach, Maryann Marino, Angela Marroccoli, Greg & Kevin Masters, Daniel Matz, Cindy McConnell, Peggy McConnell, Mary Rita McFadden, Tim McNeil, Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Cynthia Mitchell, Robert Moyer, Jerome Nigh, Maddie Nordhoy, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Peggy Pacharis, Frank Pingitore, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, Rich Readinger, Peggy Reid, Aneliese & Raven Robinson, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Earl Sheetz, Carolyn Schott, Gabbie Sierra, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Mary Jane Skowron, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Kimberly Trigstead, Jeff Trojanowski, Maureen Truckly, Rex Voelker, Chad Vogel, Alan Wachowicz, Alexandra Wachowicz, Dave Walter, Mark Walter, Pam Weber, Frank White, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Kathleen Zagar, Ann Marie Zawislak, Dan Zielinski, John Ziembra, Mollie Ziembra, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die: Nicholas Feola** & all victims of war, and the 4,100 daily abortions. Ecclesiastes 3:11

To have someone from your family enrolled on our prayer list, please call the Parish Center. Parishioners who are sick or hospitalized, in a rehabilitation facility or at home wishing to receive the Holy Eucharist may call the Parish at 610-779-4005.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!** Do you have a relative, friend, neighbor or colleague who has been away from Church for a while? Please let them know that the door is always open and a seat is always available at our Church. All are always welcome at the Parish.



All members of the parish are invited to attend an **Advent Penance Service** on **Monday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m.** It is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the blessings of the holiday season and spiritually prepare for the new year. Multiple priests will be available for Confession.

**Christmas Wish List Envelopes will be available this weekend. They will be in the Gathering Areas of Saint Catharine's & St. Mary's.**

A sincere "Thank You" to all of our loyal sponsors, who year after year, continue to support our parish bulletin. Please say "Thanks" to all our sponsors for their generous support and mention their ad when doing business with them.

## Advent Prayers

Advent is a relatively short liturgical season, so perhaps it's fitting that short, simple prayers are all we need to feel God's calming presence in our lives amid the many distractions. Consider these brief Catholic prayers this Advent season:

Lord, send down Your Spirit to guide me during Advent this year. May the Holy Spirit help me journey closer to You and lift me up when I feel down and led me when I feel lost. I may stumble at times, but I know my ultimate journey is to draw closer to You and build Your kingdom here on earth—a kingdom that Jesus's birth, life and death helped secure. Amen.

I pray for focus today, dear God, because during Advent, my mind and attention tend to wander. There are so many distractions, many of them well-meaning. But nothing gives my heart rest like resting in You. I pray that keep You at the focus of my day today, because I know the peace that only You offer. Amen.

Heavenly Father, heal my heart during this season of Advent. Help me to love more fully. To forgive more generously. To wait more patiently for Christmas, embracing each day and hour knowing the joy that awaits. In Your name I pray. Amen.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Due to the Holidays, all information for the bulletin must be received in our office as follows: **December 24th, 31st and January 7th** by **Friday, December 15th** by noon. **Information for the bulletin can be emailed to [dsitler@comcast.net](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net).**

### SURVIVING DIVORCE

A confidential program offering hope and healing after divorce January 8, 2024 to March 25, 2024, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Presented at Church of Saint Benedict, 2020 Chestnut Hill Road, Mohnton, 19540, Please contact Joe Boylan, 610-781-6415. [joeboylan17@gmail.com](mailto:joeboylan17@gmail.com) or [Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org](mailto:Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org)

**NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!** If you have been regularly worshipping with us and have not yet joined our parish, we warmly invite you to see either Father Miller or Fr. Kuna after Mass and they will be happy to register you as a member of St. Catharine of Siena. All are welcome to join our parish community.

**The Sienna Stitchers will be displaying handmade articles for sale at the Church. All proceeds will go to the Saint Vincent De Paul Society.**

**CHRISTMAS WAFERS (OPLATKI):** available at the parish office throughout the week. The wafers are broken and shared on Christmas Eve at the family meal.

**Clare of Assisi House is in the need of the following items: Paper Products Napkins, Tissues, Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue, Cleaning Supplies, Toilet Cleaner, Scrubbing Bubbles, Windex, Dish Soap), Hygiene Products Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Lotion, Body Wash, Toothpaste. If you are able to help please drop off at the Parish Center**



### It's that time of year again!

The annual Operation Milk and Cookies drive we be held once again this holiday season. We ask if you could help us spread Christmas cheer to those less fortunate in our community. If you are interested in participating in the drive we ask that you either bake or buy a batch of cookies to donate to our drive so we can deliver them to places such as Mary's Shelter, Opportunity House, Hope and Rescue Mission, and many more! The cookie drop off dates will be: December 16th from 2pm-7pm & December 17th from 8am-3pm at St. Catharine of Siena Social Hall. If you are participating we ask that you email [affraney@gmail.com](mailto:affraney@gmail.com) or [rachfraney@gmail.com](mailto:rachfraney@gmail.com) and let us know how many cookies you are planning on donating.

**Catholic Trivia ANSWER: B.** - Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill, the site of a former Aztec Temple near Mexico City and asked him to build a Temple there. When the local Bishop did not believe his account and asked for proof, Juan Diego went back at Our Lady's request to find flowers. He surprisingly found roses on the cold summit in December, wrapped them in his tilma, and carried them back to the Bishop. Not only was the Bishop astonished by the roses but also by the image of Our Lady now on the tilma. She asked to be known as "Santa Maria, de Guadalupe." Our Lady of Guadalupe did not appear again, for her mission was complete. The temple was built and remains there today, in what is now a suburb of Mexico City. Juan Diego's tilma, woven from cactus fibers, with a shelf-life of just 30 years at best, remains miraculously preserved.



**DID YOU KNOW?** - Through the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and the Pennsylvania Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC), businesses and individuals can lower their tax bills by donating to private schools, scholarship organizations, pre-K programs, and other educational enrichment initiatives. The bulk of the tax credits — \$110 million per year — are reserved for donors that give to scholarship organizations, which provide financial aid to children attending K-12 private schools. The program also sets aside a small amount of tax credits for donors that give to pre-k scholarship funds. At Saint Catharine of Siena School, our EITC and OSTC program plays an essential role in the school's financial strategy as well as the fulfillment of our mission. Saint Catharine of Siena School is seeking donors to participate in the EITC/OSTC program to alleviate the burden of financial aid on our operating budget AND to give as many children access to a Catholic, Saint Catharine of Siena education as possible. If you are interested in learning more about this tax credit scholarship program, please contact Mrs. Stephanie Conlon, SCS Advancement Director @ 610-779-5810.



SCS is looking for a few unusual, strange, and educational items to increase curiosity and a love of learning through wonder, awe, and discovery! Please call the office 610-779-5810 to arrange a drop off if willing to share. SCS would love to incorporate nature items into discovery such as:

- Bird nests (please put in a ziploc bag or clear salad container) If you know which species built which nest, please feel free to identify, bird feeders and bird houses
- Clean animal bones such as jaws, skulls, etc. (identify, please if you can)
- Snake skins or Empty hives, wasp nests, etc
- Unusual shells, ocean specimens, or beach treasures
- Any interesting artifact of nature that can be observed and researched in wonder and awe

