

Mrs. Patricianne Ruccella has been a teacher for seven years. She spent her first three years of teaching in the Cleveland Municipal School District where she taught Science and Language Arts. She will begin her fourth year teaching at St. Angela Merici School where she loves teaching Science to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Mrs. Ruccella also teaches Reading to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. She believes each student arrives in the classroom with a variety of learning styles that are based on individual differences and experiences. Sensitive to these individual differences, Mrs. Ruccella, adapts instruction to meet the needs of all students. This provides an environment that not only permits students to build knowledge, but to develop personal meaning.

Each spring Mrs. Ruccella accompanies her class to CYO Camp Christopher for two days. This program is interdisciplinary in nature and correlates with the Diocese Graded Course of Study. Mrs. Ruccella is also involved in Beyond the Classroom and Ski Club at St. Angela Merici. She especially enjoys working with the 6<sup>th</sup> graders during Lent when they perform the *Living Stations*.

Mrs. Ruccella received her Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Baldwin Wallace College. After many years of raising her children she returned to the classroom to receive her Elementary Teaching License (1-8) and Masters of Education at John Carroll University. She has received her Basic Certification for teaching Religion from the Diocese of Cleveland. She participates each year in a variety of Professional Development.

Mrs. Ruccella and her husband of 24 years, Nick, a Cleveland firefighter, are the parents of four children, all of whom keep them very busy. They reside in the Westpark area and are active members of Our Lady of Angels volunteering their time and talent in a variety of ways.