

***Masses For The Week*****Monday - January 30**

6:30 Joann Incorvaia & Ralph Arrigale  
 9:00 Louis Devlin

**Tuesday - January 31**

6:30  
 9:00 Madeline Pellicano

**Wednesday - February 1**

6:30 Kathleen & Lester Smith  
 9:00 Michael A. DiGuseppi

**Thursday - February 2**

6:30 Dennis Hickey  
 9:00 Gonzalo Cantos

**Friday - February 3**

6:30 Stanley & Joseph Drobig  
 9:00 Michael A. & Michael V. Maggio

**Saturday - February 4**

9:00 **Intentions Announced at Mass**  
 5:00 Rose & Jack DiCarlo  
 7:00 Catherine Garton

**Sunday - February 5**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
 8:30 Helen & Henry Ruff  
 10:00 James Boglioli  
 11:30 Josephine DeGuzman  
 1:00 Louise Scarlato  
 5:30 Stella Agnese

***Readings For The Week***

Mon. 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20  
 Tues. 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3;  
 Mark 5:21-43  
 Wed. 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6  
 Thurs. Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18  
 Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
 Fri. Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29  
 Sat. 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34  
 Sun. Job 7:1-4, 6-7 *Job lamented his "months of misery and troubled nights." Could human life on earth be no more than drudgery? Shall he never see happiness again?*

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 *By preaching the good news, Paul said, he willingly made himself a slave to all in order to win them over. He did everything for the sake of the good news.*

Mark 1:29-39 *Jesus healed ill people and exorcised possessed people. So many sought him that he had to seek out deserted places for prayer and rest.*

***Divine Mercy Novena***

***Every Friday at 2:00 p.m.  
 in the Eucharistic Chapel  
 All are welcome!***

***Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift*****Last Week January 21-22 Collection**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$13,489.87

***Thank you for your generosity & support!***

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**

Moses told the people, "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kinsmen."

God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who set aside time with the Sunday readings throughout the week so as to be better prepared to hear the Word of God and act on it.



Please pray for the women and men in our Military and their families and friends as they selflessly protect and defend our nation against all forms of terrorism. May God protect them from all harm!

**Charismatic Prayer Group****BE PREPARED**

It's not just for the Scouts! We all prepare for parties, vacations, retirements, but what about **ETERNITY**? No one knows when their eternity will start. No one gets a second chance!

***Our next meeting is Monday, January 30th at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Call Margo at 516-993-9672 for answers to any questions or for prayer intentions.***

**St. Martin of Tours HOP Club**

Jan. 23 #130	M/M Robert Franzke	\$25.00
Jan. 24 #600	Marion Pensabene	\$25.00
Jan. 25 #449	Lucy McNamara	\$25.00
Jan. 26 # 70	Jo Ryan	\$25.00
Jan. 27 #342	Jim & Pat Belmonte	\$50.00

*Letter from the pastor*

Our parish is blessed with numerous people who have chosen to become involved in a variety of parish ministries. All the ministries are important and contribute to building up the Body of Christ here at St. Martin's. I have three ministries that I would like to mention today. The first is the Arimatheans. They take their name from St. Joseph of Arimathea, who gave his own tomb so there would be a burial place for Jesus after his crucifixion. These are men and woman from the parish who attend our funerals and assist the priest celebrating the Mass by distributing the Mass programs, serving the Mass, proclaiming the Scripture if necessary, hanging the funeral banner, and assisting in other ways. One of the most important ministries of our parish is comforting those who are in grief, and this dedicated group of men and women, often go unnoticed, but they are vital to our parish since we have so many funerals and there is such a need to assist those in sorrow. I think of the words of the Beatitudes, "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted." Certainly this ministry is a great comfort to many people.

The second group I would like to recognize is the money counters. These are men and women who gather on Mondays to count the collection. They sort out the money and checks, and count the change (hopefully not too much change) They do their ministry in the background and no one sees them. They have a wonderful spirit among themselves, perhaps because of the excellent pastries they have. I do not know if they have a formal name but I wonder if they might be called the Matthians, after St. Matthew who was a tax collector. The only weakness I see in this ministry is that there are more Giant than Jets fans among them.

The third group, perhaps even more unrecognized than the previous two ministries, are the women (I do not think there are any men in this ministry although they would be welcomed) who take responsibility for keeping the altar cloths, purificators, and corporeal clean and ironed. In our parish, where we have eight Masses on a weekend, with the precious blood being distributed all the Masses, as well as during the week-days, we use a great deal of purifications. We are blessed to have these women who take such good care of such a sacred part of our parish-the altar and its linens. It was St. Veronica who provided the cloth that was used to wipe the face of Jesus on his way to Calvary. Perhaps, these good women could be called the Daughters of Veronica.

I like to thank all who serve in any ministry in our parish I like to thank our ministers but I know they serve because it flows from their love and commitment to the parish. They tell me that it is a privilege to serve the Lord and their parishioners. So God bless the Arimatheans, the Matthians, and the Daughters of Veronica. If you would like to consider serving in a ministry in our parish, or might see a need a like to start a new one, I would be delighted to speak to you about it.

**Father Pat**  
***woodscssr@aol.com***



***“Whatever you do for one of these, the least of my sisters and brothers, you did it for me.”***

This week the Food Pantry is low on hearty soups, juice, juice boxes, pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned chili and stews, hot and cold cereal, laundry detergent, shampoo, conditioner, tooth brushes, diapers size 4 & 6, sugar, coffee, pancake mix and syrup.

Many thanks and God's blessings to all of you!

### **Food Pantry:**

208 Broadway, Bethpage  
Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM  
Thursday: 2:00PM – 7:00PM  
Phone: (516) 931-7332



### **FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS**

February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Eucharistic Chapel in reparation for the sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

### **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS**

February 4th at 8:30 a.m. consisting of the Rosary of Reparation, reading about Fatima and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

St. James Parish in Seaford is looking for part time receptionist Tuesday evening 4:00—8:00 and every third weekend Saturday and Sunday 9 —12 noon.

Retirees welcomed - phones, light computer, general office duties.

Call (516) 731-3710 or email  
generalinfo@stjamesrcchurch.org

### **Please pray for the sick of our parish:**

Christine Mascia, Mary Peterson, Frances Stuhlmuller  
Maria Cipriano, Henry Niemczyk, Robert Loughran  
Jim Duggan, Patricia Morrone, Flora Spinosa  
Barbara Scully, Phil Alfano, Richard Messina  
Sylvester Brady, Fran Contillo, Wayne Durr  
Matthew Guigno, Mary Henson, Mike Barry  
Augustin Ordek, Mary Morgan, John Annon  
Josephine Calline, Warren Delauro, Richard Pyranski  
William Sinacore, Christine Lino, Sal Giallombardo  
Alyric Jackson, Sr. Kate McBarron  
Mildred Bortnick, Leevalli Annearosa, Therese Mikulus  
Joseph Frestachi, Henry Fenyo, Michael Lavin  
Vincent Busuttil, Erich Jurkwich, Patricia LoBianco  
Christopher Deleon, Dorothy Quinn, Kelly Zappolo  
Mary Mullaly, Marguerite Foley, Vivian Durr  
Melonie Walsh, Gail Waiter, Victoria DiPaula  
Joan Conklin Walsh, Gina Montamaro, Owen Sullivan  
Jimmy Crichton, Douglas Torres, Kathy Byrnes  
Marion Luciano, Ledwin Mason, Michael Duggan  
Virginia Holt, Marie Rondino, Tyler Brandimarte  
Lisa Mancini, Andy Holt, Pat Cannota, Diane McHugh  
Ellen Murphy, Kaitlin Pulice, Bob MacCulloch  
Lillian DeLaurentis, Godeliva Pagan, Helen Carroll  
Angela Calendrille, Florence Borzell, Helena Carroll  
Rayne Michelle Janko, Renee Weiner, Nicole Wolfe Huebner  
Dorothy Froehlich, Donna Peluso, Anne Cramer  
Joann Cama, Mark & Karen Arthus, Cynthia Venson  
Joann Cicero, Pat Rosetti, Santa Parisi, Donna Melkun  
Kevin Sisco, Christina Klienfeldt, Margaret Cavaliere  
Cindy Aldrich, Fr. Dennis Billy, CSsR  
Brianna Cardinao, Sharon Depalo, Edith Magee  
Baby Mackenzie, Anna Maria Testa & Windy, Fred Nelson  
Jan Rhea, Mary-Gwen Imbornoni, Patrick Murphy  
Bill Kelly, Fr. Brendan Greany, C.Ss.R., Nicholas Guarino  
Bud Pehrsson, Joanne Flores, Alfred Urbanski  
Baby Madeline Smith, Ginny Murphy, Bernard Kearney  
Edward Indelicato, Sr., Andrew Bartolozzi  
Fr. Tom Siconolfi, CSsR, Mom and Dad, Barbara Hunsinger  
Joseph Pierini, Marion Astonino, Pre-born Baby Eve Cagna  
Fred Tavarelli Patricia Heitzman, Lucille Pancucci  
Mary LaFauci, William John Staudt, Patricia Marcel  
Gerard Trotter, Jim Robertson, Frances Sutton, Ada Roman  
Robert Hennessy, John St. Angelo, Joseph Pierini  
Harold Hand



*Week of January 29 - February 4, 2012*

*Altar Bread & Wine*

*In Loving Memory of*

*Edward Rasmussen*

### **Rest in Peace**

***Acts 7:49: “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”***

***Frank Adduci, Michel N. DeZervos***

***Christine M. Fariello, Carmela Schembri***

**ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS**

If you haven't already, please **fill out an Order of Protection and a Code of Conduct Form** which are available in the rectory.

**Virtus Training a MUST**

In 2002, Bishop Murphy mandated that all volunteers in a parish **must fill out an Order of Protection and a Code of Conduct Form** which are available in the rectory. Part 3 of that mandate states that any volunteer **must attend** the VIRTUS WORKSHOP.

**SMT's Virtus Workshop is on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. in the Faculty Room in the school.**

Please register online at **VIRTUSONLINE.ORG** and click on Registration or go to the [drvc.org](http://drvc.org) website then to *Protecting Children* and click on *Virtus Training Calendar*. If this is not a convenient time, please check *The LI Catholic* or the Diocesan website at [drvc.org](http://drvc.org).

If you have already attended Virtus training, you **do not** have to repeat it. Any questions, please call Father Jim McCabe at 516-931-0818 ext. 220.

**AN EVENING OF CELTIC MUSIC  
BENEFIT FOR  
ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL CELTIC FRIARS PIPE BAND  
AND THE IONA COLLEGE PIPE BAND**

**FEATURING:**

- IONA College Pipe Band
- The Bob Morris Irish Band
- Celtic Friar Pipe Band
- Mulvilhill-Lynch School of Dance
- Irish Sing-along with Gerald Donnelly & Steve "Seamus" Camas

**February 11, 2012, 7:30 PM  
St. Anthony's High School Auditorium  
\$15 in advance, \$20 at the door**

To reserve tickets, mail the form below and check made out to St. Anthony's High School  
Mail to: Denise Creighton, Alumni Office  
St. Anthony's High School, 275 Wolf Hill Road, South Huntington NY 11746

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**No. of Tickets:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Afternoon of Renewal for  
Women & Men in  
12 Step Recovery**

**Saturday, February 18, 2012 from 1-4 PM**

**Our Lady of Grace Center  
Shelter Rock Rd., Manhasset**

*Come, share quiet reflective time, prayer and conversation with your Higher Power and each other. Renew your body, mind and spirit in a peaceful environment*

**Facilitator: Sister Jane Doherty, OP  
Donation: \$25**

**Email: [olgcenter@gmail.com](mailto:olgcenter@gmail.com)  
or  
Call: 516-627-9255**

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**Second Collection Next Weekend  
for the Church in Need**

***"You assure a fundamental service to the human person when he or she is deprived of an inalienable right to religious liberty."**  
**John Paul II***

As an international Catholic charity under the guidance of the Holy Father, Aid to the Church in Need's mission is to help suffering and persecuted faithful worldwide.

As the voice of the suffering Church, with the help of our ACN family of faithful — hundreds of thousands of concerned and committed Catholics worldwide — we reach out to assist people in need in over 145 countries. Each year, we fulfill more than 5,000 projects through our spiritual and material aid. Our shared goal: To help strengthen the Church and keep the Faith alive.

Where there is darkness and despair, we provide light, hope, and a constant sign that the Church is a dynamic, single, universal body in Christ.

**THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE  
Divorces/Separated/Widowed**

Help for the heartache of divorce, separation and widowhood. A weekend away for a lifetime of change. The next weekend is March 2, 3, 4, 2012 at the Montfort Spiritual Center in Bay Shore. For information and reservations, call:

- John (516) 822-0635
- Jim (718) 474-3779 or
- Karen (201) 736-8200

You can also email us at  
[BeginningExperienceLI@hotmail.com](mailto:BeginningExperienceLI@hotmail.com)



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Long Island****A VALENTINE'S DAY GIFT**

Celebrate your marriage and your love by experiencing a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Make your good marriage truly great. **The next weekend is February 10-12, 2012.** Registration is limited. For more information or to apply, call (toll free) 1-866-499-6354. Please visit our local website at <http://www.wmeli.org> or email Ron and Chris Morasse [ron@morassefamily.com](mailto:ron@morassefamily.com) for more information.

**FEBRUARY 3RD - FEAST DAY OF SAINT BLAISE, PATRON OF THROAT ILLNESSES**

*St. Martin's will have the blessing of throats on Friday, February 3rd at the 6:30 and 9:00 AM masses. A general blessing will be done at all weekend masses, February 4th and 5th.*

Many Catholics might remember Saint Blaise's feast day because of the Blessing of the Throats.



Two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him.

Very few facts are known about him. We believe he was a bishop of Sebastea in Armenia who was martyred under the reign of Licinius in the early fourth century.

The legend of his life that sprang up in the eighth century tell us that he was born in to a rich and noble family who raised him as a Christian.

After becoming a bishop, a new persecution of Christians began. He received a message from God to go into the hills to escape persecution. Men hunting in the mountains discovered a cave surrounded by wild animals who were sick. Among them Blaise walked unafraid, curing them of their illnesses.

Recognizing Blaise as a bishop, they captured him to take him back for trial. Soon after Blaise was killed by the governor.

Blaise is the patron saint of wild animals because of his care for them and of those with throat maladies. Take time as Saint Blaise did to find out how you can help wild animals. Find out what is being done to support and protect the wildlife in your area. There is wildlife everywhere, even in cities. Even a birdfeeder can help God's creatures survive.

***Prayer:***

***Saint Blaise, pray for us that we may not suffer from illnesses of the throat and pray that all who are suffering be healed by God's love. Amen.***



**Life Teen:** There is a Life Night after the 5:30 p.m. mass this weekend.

Life Teen's upcoming winter retreat is February 3, 4, & 5th. Please pray for all of us who are participating.

**Edge:** There will be no Edge Night on February 3rd. Our next meeting is on February 17th. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are welcome!

**Parent Life:** All parents of middle and high school youth are invited to attend Parent Life Meetings. Our next meeting is February 12th. No children please.

Please visit our website: [www.SMTLifeTeen.com](http://www.SMTLifeTeen.com) for photos and more information! To contact Erin, you can e-mail [EKHoran@yahoo.com](mailto:EKHoran@yahoo.com).

**The Spirit & Spirituality of  
Spain & Portugal Pilgrimage  
May 23, 2012 - 10 days**

**Medieval Monasteries/Gothic  
Cathedrals/Basilica at Fatima  
Travel with St. Joseph's College  
faculty member  
Sister Grace Rowland, C.S.J.**

**For a detailed brochure  
all Sister Grace at  
631-654-0199 or e-mail  
[growland@sjcny.edu](mailto:growland@sjcny.edu)**

**2013 MASS BOOK**

**Wednesday and Thursday, February 1 & 2  
PARISH HALL**

**TIME:**

**Begins at 9:30 AM & ends at 11:30 AM**

**Begins at 1:30 PM & ends at 4:30 PM**

**FIVE** Masses per family will be allowed. Please no telephone, mail or drop-off requests will be permitted. Please be present to request your masses. Many thanks!

**INTERNATIONAL NIGHT  
AT ST. MARTIN OF TOURS**

What are you doing February 18th? Get a babysitter and come join us for an evening of fun, food, and friends!

**DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18**  
**TIME: 8:00PM TO 12:00 MIDNIGHT**  
**WHERE: THE PARISH HALL**

We ask everyone to bring either a food or dessert from your ethnic background. Soda, water, coffee and tea will be provided. You may bring beer and wine if you like.

**PLEASE CALL** one of the following contacts to let them know if you can join us.

Debbie Robinson	935-0224
Mary Jo Bella	933-0476
Mari Fitzgerald	935-0240



**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS  
ROSARY CONFRATERNITY**

All women are invited to our meeting on **Tuesday, February 7, 2012** in the Parish Hall. The rosary and CMRC prayers will begin at 7:30PM followed by our program.

Our pastor, Father Pat Woods, CSSR, will give a presentation on Our Lady of Lourdes, the Shrine in Lourdes, France along with pictures and a talk on the life of Saint Bernadette Soubirous.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**APRIL 3, 2012** - Chinese Bingo and Dinner in the Parish Hall with cash prizes, raffles and 50/50! Tables of 10 or share a table.

Tickets will be on sale at \$20 per person. For more information, please contact Janet at 433-9340 or Louise at 735-1375.

**SEPARATED AND DIVORCED  
SUPPORT GROUP**

A ten week program for those separated or going through the process of divorce. The program is designed to help men and women find encouragement as they explore the emotions and experiences often associated with separation and divorce.

The group meets every Friday beginning February 3, 2012 at 7:30 PM at St. William the Abbot Church, 2000 Jackson Avenue, Seaford.

Cost for the ten week program is \$20. For further information and registration, please contact Angie at (516) 868-2503 or Carol (516) 432-2241 or email us at [BeginningToday@gmail.com](mailto:BeginningToday@gmail.com).



## The Catholic Counseling Center

Professional therapy, provided by NYS licensed therapists, is available to our parish. This program, under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or the diocese.

Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored.

Confidential information and appointments are available by calling Dr. Giuliani at 631-243-2503 or go to their website at <http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>.

## ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL

110 Anstice Street

Oyster Bay NY 11771 Attn: Mrs. Mascia

Students accepted on a first come—first served basis. There will be no refunds once the course begins. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Dillon at (516) 922-4888 ext. 6522. Send your name, address, phone number and school you are presently attending to the above address.

## 2012 PSAT/SAT EXAM PREP COURSE For May 5th SAT Exam

Course will be held on the following Saturdays:

March 3, 17, 24 & 31

And April 21 and 28

9:00 - 11:30 a.m. in Marian Hall

Course Fee: \$250.00 (includes textbook)

Contact: Mrs. Mascia at  
(516) 922-4888 x 5315

## Rachel's Vineyard

A Psychological and Spiritual Journey  
for Healing After Abortion

*"Therefore I will allure her; I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her heart. There I will give her back her vineyards and transform her Valley of Troubles into a Door of Hope."*

*Hosea 2:16-17*

**Rachel's Vineyard** weekends for healing after abortion are offered throughout the year in locations across the United States and Canada, with additional sites around the world. Rachel's Vineyard is a ministry of **Priests for Life**. Here is information should you wish to attend a weekend retreat.

### Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

441 West Neck Road, Huntington NY 11743

**Contact:** Frank & Lorraine Gariboldi

516-523-0586 - Fgariboldi@optonline.net

**Language: English**

Friday, February 17 - 19, 2012

### Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

441 West Neck Road, Huntington NY 11743

**Contact:** Donna Crean

631-258-5062 - donnacrean@optonline.net

**Language: Spanish**

Friday, February 17 - 19, 2012

For information about other retreats and resources, call their toll-free national hotline at 1-877-HOPE-4-ME or visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

## FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

Call Diana Mirando

(H) 605-1979 or

(C)830-5077 or Peg McGeary 938-1391.

**ROSELINE, LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS**  
(631) 243-2373. Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies, Safe Place at 1(877) 796-HOPE. Adoption, Foster Care, Maternity Services, Catholic Home Bureau 1(800) 592-4357.

### **MESSAGE FROM Zorn's Poultry Farms**

Due to the positive response, Zorn's is extending this fundraiser to March 31st so you have an extra month to visit Zorn's and help St. Martin's at the same time! The details are as follows:



Zorn's is proud to announce their **"PROCEEDS MONTHS"** during **January, February and March 2012** which includes all three Zorn's located at 4321 Hempstead Turnpike, Bethpage; 1939 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow and 2495 Merrick Road, Bellmore.

This program is designed to help raise funds for local houses of worship, local schools and sports entities. The Zorn's Family is ever mindful of the rising cost of energy, upkeep and labor involved in maintaining buildings. **Customers who visit any one of the Zorn's locations and who mention St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage will have 10% of the purchase price donated to the church.**

Please take this opportunity to experience great food and help your parish at the same time.

*Thank you in advance for your participation!*

*Sincerely, The Zorn Family*

### **Religion and Rock**



Tune into ***"Religion and Rock"*** with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7 - 8 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM on Long Island's East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11:00 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is **Renewal** so don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding Religion and Rock, go to [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com) or at "Religion & Rock" on ITUNES.

Don't forget to tune into TELECARE, Cable Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 or visit [www.telecaretv.org](http://www.telecaretv.org) for the ***Best In Catholic Television!*** Download the TelecareTV App at the app store and listen to R&R!

### **RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**

#### **U.S. BISHOPS VOW TO FIGHT HHS EDICT**

(Unconscionable to force citizens to buy contraceptives against their will). (No change in limited exemption, only delay in enforcement) (Matter of freedom of conscience, freedom of religion).

The Catholic bishops of the U.S. called ***literally unconscionable*** a decision by the Obama Administration to continue to demand that sterilization, abortifacients and contraception be included in virtually all health plans. This means that this mandate and its very narrow exemption will not change at all. Instead there will only be a delay in enforcement against some employers. "In effect, the president is saying we have a year to figure out how to violate our consciences," said Cardinal-designate Timothy M. Dolan, archbishop of NY and president of the USCCB.

The HHS rule requires that sterilization and contraception - including controversial abortifacients - be included among "preventative services" coverage in almost every healthcare plan available to Americans. "The government should not force Americans to act as if pregnancy is a disease to be prevented at all costs." added Cardinal-designate Dolan.

For more information and Bishop Dolan's reaction go to <http://bcove.me/ob5itz9v>.

Please contact the Administration at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/contacts> to express your opposition. You can also contact your Congressional Representative at <http://www.nchla.org/cong.asp>.

Source: USCCB January 20, 2012