

Masses For The Week**Monday - February 27**

6:30 All Souls
9:00 Yolanda Lange

Tuesday - February 28

6:30 Raymond Godek
9:00 Michael (Mickey) Catapano

Wednesday - February 29

6:30 All Souls
9:00 Connie & Mike Maggio, Anniversary

Thursday - March 1

6:30
9:00 Lina Giannuzzi, 25th Anniversary

Friday - March 2

6:30 Joseph Hoolahan
9:00 Filomena & Angelo D'Onofrio

Saturday - March 3

9:00 **Intentions Announced at Mass**
5:00 James Henson
7:00 Patrick Hopkins

Sunday - March 4

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Giovanna & Emilio Cafaro
10:00 Rose & Tom Gildea
11:30 Cathy Testa, Living
1:00 Glenn Hughes - **St. Patrick's Mass**
5:30 Robert Kuhlke

Readings For The Week

Mon. Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46
Tues. Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15
Wed. Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32
Thurs. Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12
Fri. Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26
Sat. Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48
Sun. **Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18**

God tested Abraham, asking him to sacrifice his only son Isaac. Seeing Abraham's obedience, God relented. Because of Abraham's faith, God blessed him greatly.

Romans 8:31b-34 *We have received the ultimate proof of God's love: Christ Jesus, given up to death for the sake of us all. "If God is for us, who can be against us?"*

Mark 9:2-10 *Jesus went up a mountain with his disciples and was transfigured before their eyes. A voice from a cloud proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."*



Saint Maria
Faustina

Divine Mercy Novena

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

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**Last Week February 18/19 Collection**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$15,233.00

Thank you for your generosity & support!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. The bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of Baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources - their selves - at God's service in and through the Church."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish whose giving - whether of alms, time or service - will be an expression of gratitude for what the Father has given them.



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**Comfort Food**

God has given us the most perfect comfort Food. Unlike chocolate, ice cream and mac & cheese, Jesus' Food is not just a temporary pleasure, and It takes weight off! That is, the weight of sin! Enjoy It often!

Our next meeting is Monday, February 27th 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

Feb. 20	#239	Rita & Edgar Schmidt	\$25.00
Feb. 21	#643	Terrance A. McCaffrey	\$25.00
Feb. 22	#511	Anna Doolan	\$25.00
Feb. 23	#557	Kevin & Yolanda Coveney	\$25.00
Feb. 24	#371	Barbara Hoolahan	\$50.00

Montfort Spiritual Center**Lenten Retreat**

Friday, March 23 - Sunday, March 25

Offering: \$175.00 per person

Deposit: \$25.00

“Jesus, My Changeless Friend”

The Cross of Jesus is God's gift and jewel. The Cross was regarded as the greatest manifestation of God's Love (Romans 5:6) and the effective instrument of the wisdom and power of God reconciling humans with God. How to carry the Cross? With humility, with submission (as did Jesus do the will of the Father), with obedience and with patience.—St. Louis de Montfort

The Retreat Center is located at 26 South Saxon Avenue, Bay Shore, NY 11706. Phone # to call is (631) 666-7500 for more information.



Our International Night on Saturday, February 19 was a wonderful night of parish family and feasting.

We began with singing of *We are Family* and concluded the evening with a hearty version of *God Bless America*. The food was plentiful and delicious, and we had dishes from many cultures and desserts to make a baker envious.

Father Henry's German potato salad was a bit hit. Father Pastor brought two packs of foreign beers and the Guinness was flowing! The hall was decorated with flags of many nations. The melodic music was provided by the mellow sounds of a local disk jockey "Woody Patrick."

A special thanks to Debbie Robinson, Mary Jo Bella, and Mari Fitzgerald, as well as to Ed and Sarah Indelicato, for all the work they did in providing us with a wonderful evening.

Let's do it again!

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE**DMV Approved-Insurance/Point Reduction**

Driver Education Consultants is offering a 6-hour Class 1 defensive driving course on Saturday, April 21 in the Parish Hall from 8:30 - 3:00.

The cost is \$45.00 with a minimum enrollment of 15 people and maximum is 40.

The 6-hour classroom course is presented by the National Safety Council-certified instructor who with the help of modern, multimedia techniques, offers you a new approach to learning accident prevention skills. You'll receive a course guide to use in class and to keep for future reference.

Even the most experienced drivers find the course interesting and filled with valuable safe driving tips. It's also great for new drivers, about-to-be drivers, and of course, family involvement is encouraged.

**This Defensive Driving Course is a
CLASSROOM ONLY COURSE
No in-Car Instruction
No Exams**

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

March 2nd at 7:00p.m. in the Eucharistic Chapel in reparation for the sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

March 3 at 8:30 a.m. consisting of Rosary of Reparation, reading about Fatima and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

ADOPTION: Baby girls in China need homes. Infants and toddlers are available. Older parents and singles welcome. For more information, please call Barbara Salvesen at 1-845-623-5277.

Wedding Banns Only

(Couple will be married at another church.)

1st Christian Furey, SMT and
Kerry Harrison, Our Lady of Mercy



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

We are so grateful for your generous support of our pantry. One day alone last week, fifty families came to the pantry for food! Because of **your** generosity, we were able to meet their needs.

This week we are low on: Mayo, sugar, canned fruit, wipes, kids' cereal, toilet paper, icing, hearty soups, canned & dry beans, coffee, pasta (no spaghetti, please), pasta sauce, peanut butter, chili, tea, rice, oil, evaporated or powdered milk, diapers 4,5,6, and laundry soap.

Thanks so very much to all our contributors. You are always in our prayers!

Food Pantry:

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

The Parish of Saint Martin of Tours expresses heartfelt condolences to Rev. Karl Esker, CSSR at the lost of his mother, Rita Louise Zumbahlen Esker.

Mrs. Esker died on Sunday, February 19th at the age of 86 after suffering for some time with Alzheimer's disease.

You may email Fr. Karl at karlesker@gmail.com.

His mailing address is
St. James R. C. Church
142 Jefferson Street
Newark, New Jersey 07105-1798

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
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
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Edward Indelicato, Sr., Andrew Bartolozzi
Fr. Tom Siconolfi, CSsR, Mom and Dad, Barbara Hunsinger
Marion Astonino, Pre-born Baby Eve Cagna, Fred Tavarelli
Patricia Heitzman, Lucille Pancucci, Tim Donolli
Mary LaFauci, William John Staudt, Patricia Marcel
Gerard Trotter, Jim Robertson, Frances Sutton, Janice Lipp
Robert Hennessy, John St. Angelo, Joseph Pierini
Harold Hand, Colin Flood, Paul Remsen, Louise Wilson



Week of February 26 - March 3, 2012

*Altar Bread & Wine
In Loving Memory of
Thomas F. Mitchell, Sr.*

Rest in Peace

Acts 7:49: “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”
Ignatius S. Papa, Sam Malerba
Patricia Ann Rochon
Rita Louise Zumbahlen Esker

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CLASS FUNDRAISER**

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Letter from the pastor

I have been thinking about Jeremy Lin, Tim Tebow, Gary Carter, and Whitney Houston. The story of Jeremy Lin, the Harvard graduate, who was cut by two NBA teams and then sat on the bench with the New York Knicks, has become an overnight sensation in the United States and others parts of the world, as he has led the Knicks to seven straight wins. Not too long ago, many people were celebrating *Tebow mania* and kneeling in prayer in what became known as *Tebowing*. Baseball fans are mourning the death of Gary Carter who died of a brain tumor at the age of fifty-seven. At the same time, there is a great sadness over the premature death of the great singer Whitney Houston. Since I read an article in *The New York Times* the other day by the columnist David Brooks, I have been connecting all four of these people in my mind.

Brooks wrote a fascinating column entitled: *Wrestling with Conflict between Sports and Faith* and mentioned Tim Tebow and Jeremy Lin by name. Both of these athletes are very devout Christians and are quite open in the profession of their Christian belief. Lin has even spoken about being a pastor after his basketball career is over. The main point of Brooks' article was that there is a fundamental division between sports and religion. He argues that almost all faiths speak about being humble and meek. They seek the good of others, especially the down-trodden. Athletes, in the mind of Brooks, are highly competitive and determined to conquer and beat their opponents. Thus, there is the conflict between sports and faith.

Although I found Brooks' article very thought-provoking, I do not agree with his general assumption that the nature of playing sports is to win. Granted a devout Catholic such as Coach Vince Lombardi would stress winning to a very high degree; however, he always did put faith and family ahead of sports when he spoke to his teams. Gary Carter was called "Kid" even when he was an older player. He got this nickname from the way he played the game of baseball. I heard someone say that he played every game with the joy and zest of a little league ballplayer. I am sure he wanted to win the game, but I am even more certain that he loved playing the sport even when he lost. Interestingly, while not quite as recognized in faith matters as were Lin and Tebow, he too was a man of strong Christian faith.

I had the pleasure of watching our fourth grade boys CYO team play the other day. They are a very well-coached team. What I loved in watching them play was the sheer joy and delight they took in playing. I have no doubt they were concerned about winning, but I think they were far more interested in just running around on the court and shooting the ball. Both teams were a group of happy kids enjoying the sport.

I loved the movie *Chariots of Fire*. It tells the story of the 1924 Olympics and two of the English sprinters. One is Harold Abrahams and the other is Eric Liddell. Liddell is the son of Christian missionaries and he plans on going to China to do missionary work. His sister is concerned that her brother is running in races and not preparing for the missions. When Eric Liddell accidentally misses a church prayer meeting because of his running, his sister Jennie upbraids him and accuses him of no longer caring about God. Eric tells her that though he intends to eventually return to the China mission, he feels divinely inspired when running, and that not to run would be to dishonor God. He says to her, "I believe that God made me for a purpose. But He also made me fast, and when I run, I feel His pleasure." I love that line: "*When I run, I feel his pleasure.*" Running, for Liddell, is an act of praise to God. An athlete, whether a faith-filled person or not, and a person who develops one's skills to the best of one's ability, is actually praising God by using his or her body as a demonstration of athletic skills.

I believe the same could be said for Whitney Houston. Whatever the circumstances of her life and death, God gave her a great gift in her amazing singing voice. No doubt, she worked hard to develop that talent. Her gift was first recognized in the New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. Whether she was conscious of it or not, when she used her talents and gifts as she sang, she was praising God.

Certainly in Christian theology, we believe all our gifts and talents have their source in God. When we use our talents to the best of our abilities, we are praising God. Whether it be cooking a meal, coaching a little league game, singing in the choir, visiting the sick, driving a car, raising children, studying algebra, exercising, working at our jobs, and the thousands other things that make up our lives, we do them for the glory of God.

In the second century, a great Catholic saint named Irenaeus wrote, *"A Human Being Fully Alive is the Glory of God."* José Reyes running the bases as he hits a triple, Eli Manning throwing a pass, Bruce Springsteen singing *Glory Days*, Aretha Franklin leading the audience in singing *Respect*, a mother feeding her infant, a child learning the alphabet, or a wife caring for her husband suffering from dementia are all giving glory to God.

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself will not be disqualified for the prize." 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

In the Redeemer,
Father Pat, CSSR
woodscssr@aol.com

FAMOUS CHRISTIAN ATHLETE (BETTER THAN JEREMY LIN OR TIM TEBOW) TO SPEAK AT ST. MARTIN OF TOURS!!!

The retreat is from Monday, March 5 to Thursday, March 8. Each night we will begin at 7:30 p.m. It promises to be a week of hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ and his redeeming love for each one of us. I ask that you consider coming to the retreat.



Father Kevin MacDonald CSSR is our preacher and a former professional baseball player who is an excellent speaker. How blessed we are to have the Good News of Jesus!

Come, and I think that your heart will be lifted!



THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Come and journey with the St. Martin of Tours Players as they present the *Living Stations of the Cross* on Palm Sunday, **April 1st at 7:30 PM** in the Church.

Beginning with hymns that reflect the Passion of Christ, the narrations will bring you back to the time of Jesus' trial, Passion and Death. It is an excellent way to begin Holy Week.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Hartigan Council will be having their membership drive on March 25th. Please stop by their table to sign up or ask more about it!

MOVIE NIGHT
SATURDAY, MARCH 3 at 8PM
For Kids 11 and older
St. Martin's Hall

The movie will have:

Fencing. Fighting. Torture. Poison. True Love. Hate. Revenge. Giants. Bad men. Good men. Beautiful ladies. Beasts of all kinds. Pain. Death. Lies. Truths. Passion. Miracles, and the QUEEN OF PUTRESCENCE! Along with popcorn, hot dogs and fun! Bring a bean bag, sleeping bag or the like.

Any questions or concerns, call Marty 465-3326 or Charlie 931-0433

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

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 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. 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.

OUR ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER
IS APPROACHING!!!

It will be on Wednesday, March 14th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the cafeteria. We need some more of you to make your delicious soup to share with our fellow parishioners and friends. **PLEASE** help by volunteering. You may call Pat Ricci at 516-796-1320 or Ronnie Ciarnello at 516-433-9092.

Remember that sharing a meal warms the heart and a warm heart stirs the soul.

Redemptorist Pilgrimage to Italy
October 9-18, 2012

Join the Redemptorists on a pilgrimage "In the Footsteps of Sts. Gerard Majella and Alphonsus Liguori," October 9-18, 2012.

Our 10-day journey, led by Fr. Daniel Francis, CSSR will take us to Naples, the Amalfi towns of Sts. Gerard and Alphonsus, Montecassino, Assisi and Rome.



Package price starts at \$2,995 plus fuel and taxes; departure from Washington-Dulles. For more information contact Lorri at Passages by Peter's Way at lorri@petersway.com or 1-800-225-7662.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS
ROSARY CONFRATERNITY

General Meeting, Tuesday, March 6th. We will go to the Lenten Mission in the Church at 7:30 p.m. The first few front rows on the left side will be reserved for CMRC. Our business meeting will follow in the Parish Hall with the reading of the by-laws. Refreshments will be served. Please bring your lottery tickets for our fundraiser on April 3rd.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Tuesday, APRIL 3, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.

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.

Online Lenten Retreat with the Redemptorists

What're you doing for Lent? Not sure yet? Why not join the Redemptorists for an online retreat at our website: Redemptorists.net. Fr. James McDonald will offer us a weekly written reflection on the theme, **"Embraced by Lent."** Check back every Wednesday to read a new meditation. (Use the translation button on the site to read them in Spanish.) Also we have four people - Redemptorists and lay people - who'll share their Lenten resolutions with us on video which began on Ash Wednesday. You can catch up with them again later to hear about their journeys.

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

Lenten Series on Catholicism SATURDAYS OF LENT

February 25, March 3, March 10
March 17, March 24, April 1

**YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
ANY ONE OR ALL SESSIONS!**

**9:45 a.m. to 11: 00 a.m. - Parish Hall
Facilitated by Father Patrick Woods CSSR**



For the first time, in breathtaking and high-definition cinematography, the truth, goodness, and beauty of Catholicism are illustrated in a multimedia experience.

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Learn what Catholics believe and why. Discover the full meaning of the faith.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

For Roman Catholics throughout the world, the Stations of the Cross are synonymous with Lent, Holy Week and especially, Good Friday. This devotion is also known as the "Way of the Cross", the "Via Crucis", and the "Via Dolorosa." It commemorates 14 key events on the day of Christ's crucifixion. The majority of the Stations concern His final walk through the streets of Jerusalem, carrying the Cross.

The Stations originated in medieval Europe when wars prevented Christian pilgrims from visiting the Holy Land. European artists created works depicting scenes of Christ's journey to Calvary. The faithful installed these sculptures or paintings at intervals along a procession route, inside the parish church or outdoors. Performing the devotion meant walking the entire route, stopping to pray at each "station."

Today, images of the Stations (or simple crosses representing them) are on display in almost all Catholic churches. They serve mainly as a focus for Lenten worship services. However, the Stations can also be performed privately at any time of the year, even at home. Many organizations offer free or inexpensive, illustrated pamphlets for this purpose.

**Weekly Stations of the Cross
DURING LENT
Friday evenings in Church at 7:30 p.m.**

March 2
March 9, March 16
March 23, March 30





Life Teen: There is a Life Night after the 5:30 p.m. mass this Sunday. All High School aged teens are welcome!

Edge: Our next meeting is on March 2nd. 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.

Please visit our website: www.SMTLifeTeen.com for photos and more information! To contact Erin, you can e-mail EKHoran@yahoo.com.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



The Life Teen Ministry has Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction on the 2nd Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:00 PM in the Church. Our next Adoration service is Tuesday,

March 13th.

Everyone is welcome to join us in adoring, praising and loving Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Religious Education

FIRST COMMUNION SALE SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH



Here is an opportunity to get mostly everything you need for your child's First Holy Communion Day.

Come by and visit the **School Cafeteria on Saturday, March 10th from 10:00 to 3:00.**

Examples of the items for sale include: communion veils, boys and girls communion sets, prayer books, bibles, arm bands and rosaries.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

I am having an Altar Servers Meeting on Friday, March 9, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Church. Please e-mail genysmt@hotmail.com with your response so that I will know how many of you to expect. Thanks for all that you and your families do for St. Martin of Tours!



Father Jim McCabe, CSSR

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. Martin of Tours Bereavement Group

There will be an eight week group session beginning Thursday, March 22 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall for anyone who has recently lost a loved one. Please call the rectory to register your name and phone number.

"Come to me all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest." Matt 11:28

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

St. Martin's always has a supply of hosts available for anyone who is on a gluten free diet. Please seek out the sacristan *before mass* so that the priest is prepared to include it for consecration. Please be sure to follow this procedure every time you attend mass.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**CONSCIENCE PROTECTION****BISHOPS VOW TO FIGHT COERCIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) MANDATE**

On February 10, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) called for a renewed effort to change the HHS imposed mandate that violates religious liberty.

PLEASE NOTE: A Senate vote on the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act is expected as early as the week of February 27. The time to act is now!

TAKE ACTION: Personalize your message to Congress Urge support for the RESPECT FOR RIGHTS OF CONSCIENCE ACT (H.R. 1179. S.. 1467).

FOR A SUMMARY ABOUT THE HHS EDICT AND WHAT IT INVOLVES: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/conscience-protection/index.cfm>.

Timothy Cardinal Dolan, president of the USCCB, sharply criticized the decision by the Obama administration in which it "ordered almost every employer and insurer in the country to provide sterilization and contraceptives including some abortion-inducing drugs in their health plans. Never before has the federal government forced individuals and organizations to go out into the marketplace and buy a product that violates their conscience. This shouldn't happen in a land where free exercise of religion ranks first in the Bill of Rights." He urged Catholics and the public to speak out in protest.

source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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**21st Annual
Bethpage St. Patrick's Parade**

**Sunday, March 4, 2012
2:00 p.m.
(through downtown Bethpage)**



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