

11 April 2021  
II Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)  
Low Sunday, Domenica in albis (Traditional Calendar)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass  
Sunday 9:30 AM & 11 AM

Confessions: Wed. 6:3-6:55 PM & Sat. 7:30-7:55 AM  
Sat. 2:30-3:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon. 12 April St. Giuseppe Moscati, Physician  
8 AM For: Special Intention

Tue. 13 April St. Martin I, Pope, Martyr/Bl Margaret of Castello  
8 AM For: Special Intention  
Req: The Kaminski family  
Holy Rosary for the Preborn and Newborn

Wed. 14 April St. Lydwina, Virgin  
7 PM For: David Cook+ (6<sup>th</sup> Ann.)  
Req: Wife, Kristine Cook

Thu. 15 April St. Crescent, Martyr  
8 AM For: Gary Dunne+  
Req: Patti Siegenthaler

Fri. 16 April St. Bernadette Soubirous/ St. Benedict Joseph Labre  
8 AM For: Evelyn Beecher+  
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Beecher

Sat. 17 April St. Stephen Harding, Abbot  
8 AM For: Special Intention

4 PM For: Kathie Tierney+  
Req: Kathy Johnson

Sun. 18 April III Sunday of Easter (New Calendar)  
II Sunday after Easter (Traditional Calendar)  
8 AM For: Deceased of the George Dorsey Family  
Req: Martha Glover  
9:30 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC  
11 AM For: Lorraine Kiehl (L.)  
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Pat Covino

ALTAR SERVERS: We do have some of the finest young men as servers on our altar. During Holy Week they were especially commendable in the reverence and diligence with which they carried out their function in the Liturgy. I want to publicly recognize them and thank them for making our worship of the Suffering, Crucified and Risen Lord so moving. God bless each and every one of you!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

On this Sunday, holy Mother Church extends a Plenary Indulgence to the faithful who will take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of the Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or in the tabernacle, recite one *Our Father* and the Creed (Apostles'), adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus Christ. Those who for a just cause cannot get to church may gain the same indulgence by reciting the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and a devout prayer to the Merciful Jesus, before an image of the Divine Mercy. The conditions for gaining the Plenary Indulgence are:

- to receive the Sacrament of Penance within 8 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday.
- to receive the most Blessed Eucharist on the Sunday of Divine Mercy.
- to pray for the intentions of the Pope;
- and not to have an attachment even to venial sin.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: TUE. 13 APRIL 7 PM RECTORY

Ninth and tenth graders are expected to attend.

WOMEN OF THE PARISH

Please consider sharing with the parish any traditions, customs, practices that you and your family have practiced this year. The Rosary Society of the parish would like to collect them into a booklet and share them with the parish at large.

Please either phone in your "Little Thing of Faith" to Rita Reilly at 315 336 4854, or Hilda Moses at 315 264 0202. Or you may mail them to Hilda Moses at PO Box 40, Verona, NY 13478. There is also a box on the table in the vestibule for you to put your ideas in.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Oneida Council of the Knights of Columbus will award three \$500 Scholarships to senior graduating this year who will attend either a 2 or 4 year school of higher education. The applicants must be:

- a Baptized, Confirmed practicing Catholic
- have a good academic record in high school
- be active in their parish or community
- be active in their school's activities beyond the classroom
- be accepted into an accredited 2 or 4 year academic/technical/trade school of higher education.

Applications are available from the Pastor, and must be submitted by 7 May 2021 for consideration.

## Exemptions-A Hot Topic, Getting Hotter

As we near the end of the school year, the buzz around vaccine mandates is increasing. For example, the University of Notre Dame has already informed their students that vaccines will be required for the fall semester. Away from education, mandating vaccines among our men and women in service to our country is looking more and more certain across all the branches of service.

Then there are the employers. People working in the health care industry have been dealing with this for some time already and it promises to spread broadly across all lines of work.

What do we do? It is most helpful to start by building a command of the facts. Are the mandates statutory in nature? What are the exemption laws in your state? Is there relevant case law in addition to, or in place of, statute?

Happily, there is a reference website that gathers much of this information and makes it easily accessible. Please go here: [State Vaccine Requirements-National Vaccine Information Center \(nvic.org\)](http://StateVaccineRequirements-NationalVaccineInformationCenter(nvic.org)) and click on your state for up-to-date information on public schools, employment sectors, higher education, and state employees. Information on applicable statutes is also available.

Getting familiar with this information is important as it allows one to address the first question posed above-Is the mandate statutory? If so, then the statute must address what is already law in very specific terms. If the mandate is not the product of the legislative process, it makes the path easier, at least in theory. A regulation, administrative rule or executive order cannot set aside statute. Exemptions protected by law cannot be removed by any of these means and any changes need to go through the legislative process.

So, follow the process. File your exemption for medical, religious, or philosophical reasons. Use your command of the facts and insist that the law be followed.

And a note to Catholics facing the situation. You are likely to have people push back and tell you that the Church and the Pope have said that the vaccines are okay and that it is a 'moral obligation' and an 'act of charity' to take the vaccine. Prepare to speak the truth, that seeking an exemption is consistent with Church teachings on freedom of individual conscience and consistent with the position of the USCCB.

(From an article by Jose Trasancos, Director of Children of God for Life, an organization that educates on the development and nature of vaccines. The article appeared on LifeSiteNews, 9 April 2021).