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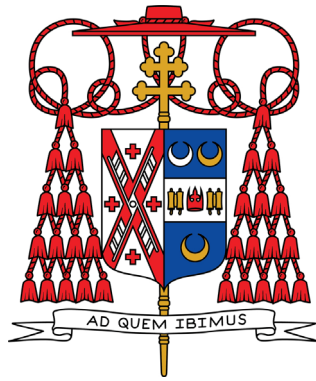
Pope Francis

1936 – 2025



April 2025 Bulletin

EVENTS AND INITIATIVES



***Statement of Cardinal Timothy Dolan
on the Passing of Pope Francis***

I join with people all over the world, not only Catholics, but people of all faiths or none at all, in mourning the passing of our beloved Pope Francis this morning. How appropriate that his last public appearance was on Easter Sunday as we celebrated the joy of the resurrection of Jesus whom Pope Francis loved so deeply and so well, and right after our Jewish brothers and sisters, for whom Pope Francis had such great love, concluded their celebration of Passover.

I was honored to participate in the conclave that elected Pope Francis in 2013, and to have welcomed him here to New York in 2015. He touched us all with his simplicity, with his heart of a humble servant. Trusting in the tender and infinite mercy of Jesus, we pray that he is, even now, enjoying his eternal reward in heaven.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

*† Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York*

POPE FRANCIS

265th Successor to St. Peter

On March 13, 2013, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, 76, archbishop of Buenos Aires, was elected in the conclave to become the first pope from the Americas. As the 265th successor to Saint Peter, he was the first pope to take the name of Francis, a name chosen in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi because he wanted “a church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security.” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 49).

Read his full biography [on the Vatican website](#).



Coat of Arms

Pope Francis’ motto on his coat of arms, “*miserando atque eligendo*,” is taken from a homily by Saint Bede, an English eighth-century Christian writer and doctor of the Church of the Gospel account of the call of Saint Matthew. It roughly translates to “having mercy, he called him.”

Encyclicals

<u>Dilexit nos</u>	October 24, 2024
<u>Fratelli Tutti</u>	October 3, 2020
<u>Laudato Si’</u>	May 24, 2015
<u>Lumen Fidei</u>	June 29, 2013

“Dear young people, my joyful hope is to see you keep running the race before you... The Church needs your momentum, your intuitions, your faith. We need them! And when you arrive at where we have not yet reached, have the patience to wait for us.”
(*Christus Vivit*, 199)

– Pope Francis

Pope Francis

1936 – 2025

Was the first pope...

- From the Americas
- From the Jesuit order
- To take the name Francis

Spoke...

- Spanish
- Italian
- English
- French
- German

Was known to...

- Take the bus and subway
- Cook his own meals
- Have a strong devotion to Mary
- Visit the poor

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Dec. 17, 1936

Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Italian immigrant parents

1957

At age 21, falls gravely ill; eventually severe pneumonia is diagnosed, right lung partially removed

March 11, 1958

Enters noviate of the Society of Jesus

March 12, 1960

Takes first vows as Jesuit

1961

Begins studying philosophy at San Miguel Seminary, Buenos Aires

1964–1965

Teaches high school literature and psychology at Jesuit secondary school in Santa Fe

1966

Teaches at prestigious Colegio del Salvador secondary school in Buenos Aires

1967–1970

Studies theology at San Miguel Seminary, Buenos Aires

Dec. 13, 1969

Is ordained a priest

1970–1971

Spends "tertianship," or Third Probation period of Jesuit formation in Spain

1971–1973

Serves as master of novices and vice chancellor, San Miguel Seminary

1973

Takes perpetual profession as Jesuit

1973–1979

Serves as superior of Jesuit province of Argentina and Uruguay

1979–1985

Serves as rector of Colegio Maximo and theology teacher

1986

Goes to Germany to finish doctoral thesis

June 27, 1992

Is ordained auxiliary bishop of Buenos Aires

June 3, 1997

Is named coadjutor archbishop of Buenos Aires

Feb. 28, 1998

Is installed as archbishop of Buenos Aires

2001

Co-presides over Synod of Bishops

Feb. 21, 2001

Is elevated to the College of Cardinals

2005–2011

Serves as president of the Argentine Bishops Conference

March 13, 2013

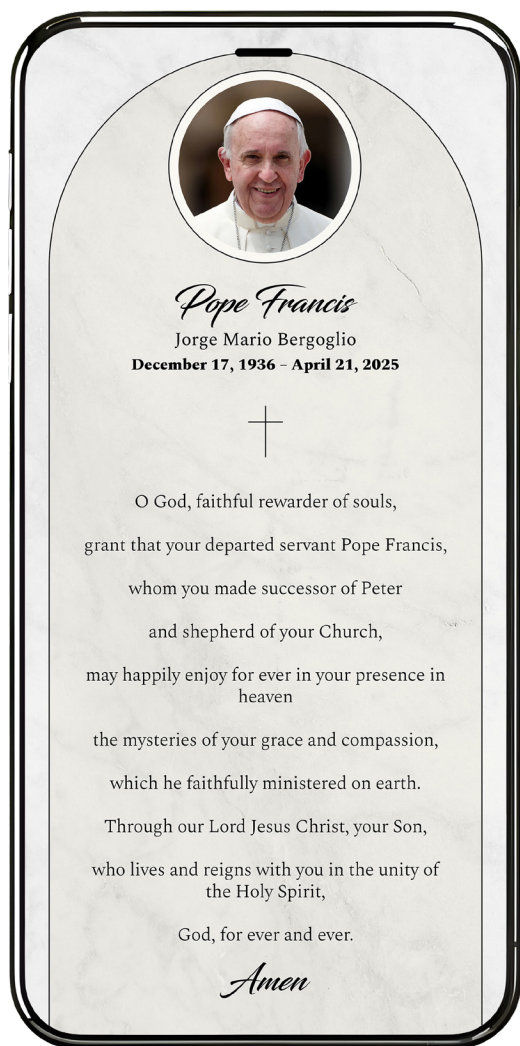
Is elected in conclave to be 265th successor to St. Peter

Sept. 22–27, 2015

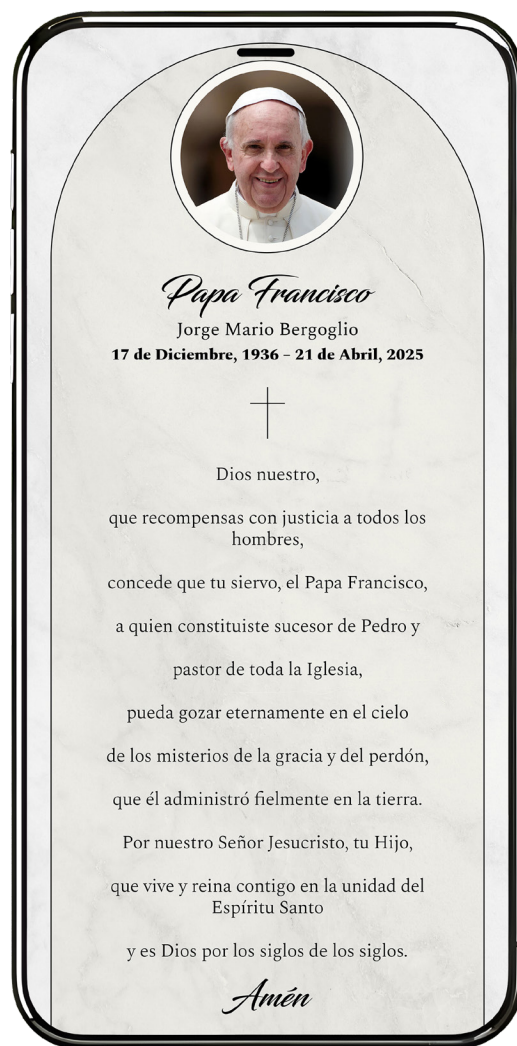
Apostolic Journey to the United States

April 21, 2025

Dies at the age of 88, in Vatican City on Monday of the Octave of Easter



Download your personal
memorial card for Pope Francis
for ***iPhone*** or ***Android***



Descargue su tarjeta conmemorativa
personal del Papa Francisco
para ***iPhone*** o ***Android***

The Vatican has announced that the body of the late Pope Francis will lie in state at St. Peter's Basilica until his funeral on **Saturday, April 26**, at 10:00 AM local time (4:00 AM ET) in St. Peter's Square. For more information, keep up to date ***here***.

Visit ***archny.org/pope-francis*** to watch the livestream of Pope Francis' funeral.

"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."
(Angelus, March 17, 2013)

– Pope Francis

EVENTS

Share With Your Community

Click items below for more information on each event.



15 Aniv. de Emaús NY: Vigilia Arquidiocesana

Cultural Diversity Apostolate

TUESDAY, APRIL 29



Special Needs Committee Meeting

Youth Faith Formation

TUESDAY, APRIL 29



Lower Westchester DRE / CRE Meeting

Youth Faith Formation

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

For more information, email Robin Klueber at robin.klueber@archny.org



X Congreso de Parejas: Unidos en el Amor

Cultural Diversity Apostolate

SATURDAY, MAY 3



Young Adult Mass with Cardinal Dolan

Youth Ministry | Young Adult Ministry | University Apostolate

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7



Praise and Worship: A Night of Hope

Archdiocese of New York

FRIDAY, MAY 9



ChristLife Seminar

Adult Discipleship and Marriage Formation

THURSDAY, MAY 15

EVENTS (cont.)

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St. Gianna Mass for Infertility and Miscarriage

Respect Life Office

FRIDAY, MAY 16



Midday Retreat with the Mystics

St. Joseph's Seminary and College

SATURDAY, MAY 17



Catholic Scouts Emblem Mass

Youth Ministry | Young Adult Ministry | University Apostolate

SUNDAY, MAY 18



Lower Westchester Year-End DRE / CRE Meeting

Youth Faith Formation

TUESDAY, MAY 20

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Night of Hope with Blessed Carlo's Mother

Youth Ministry | Young Adult Ministry | University Apostolate

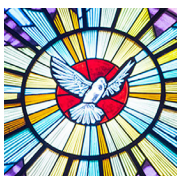
THURSDAY, MAY 29



Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass

Special Projects and Events, Development Office

SUNDAY, JUNE 1



Confirmation for Youth with Disabilities

Youth Faith Formation

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

INITIATIVES

Building Momentum Together

Prayer Cards

[Click here](#) to download digital prayer cards created by the Archdiocese of New York to nourish your spiritual life, with new cards uploaded monthly.

Adult Discipleship and Marriage Formation

Natural Family Planning Resources

Wonderfully Made Fertility Care: Offering a Zoom session specifically for engaged couples.

Pearl and Thistle: An online course introducing NFP, created with pre-cana in mind.

Couple to Couple League: An in-depth online course.

NYPriest

Called by Name Campaign

Cardinal Dolan would like to honor young men in the archdiocese who love Christ and the Church and invite them to consider the priesthood. Will you submit the names of faithful teens and young men from your parish and school? Those nominated will receive a personal letter from Cardinal Dolan, congratulating them and inviting them to a special dinner.

[Click here for Honoree Submission](#)

Respect Life

Walking with Moms in Need for Mother's Day

This Mother's Day, consider supporting pregnant and parenting mothers in your local community by getting involved in Walking with Moms in Need! This initiative works to ensure that any woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant, or parenting in difficult circumstances, can turn to her local Catholic Church and be connected with the resources she needs.

[Click here](#) for more information and resources, and contact us at respect.life@archny.org if you would like to be involved.

[View flyer in English](#)

[View flyer in Spanish](#)

St. Joseph's Seminary and College

Summer Semester

Join us this summer at St. Joseph's Seminary for graduate courses in Theology. Applications are currently being accepted, and registration is going on now!

[View flyer](#)

[More info](#)

INITIATIVES (cont.)

Building Momentum Together

New Course Offering in Spirituality

Join us at St. Joseph's Seminary this Summer for our new course: ***Principles of Catholic Spirituality and Personal Prayer***. Explore the beauty of the Catholic faith with us! Applications are being accepted, and registration is going on now.

[View flyer](#)[More info](#)

Youth Faith Formation

ArchNYLAB Expansion / Enrichment

The Office of Youth Faith Formation is working to expand our Catechetical Formation program to include classes and short informational video clips suitable for other pastoral ministries within the Department of Discipleship and Faith Formation (Youth Faith Formation, Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministry and the University Apostolate, Adult Discipleship and Marriage Formation and the Respect Life Offices). We plan to roll this out this summer. We will be offering online resources such as parish training, individual faith formation, sacramental prep, family formation, prayer guidance, and limitless resources to inspire the life, faith and ministry of everyone in our Archdiocese family!

[More info](#)

Youth Ministry | Young Adult Ministry | University Apostolate

Parish Youth and Young Adult Nights

Our pastoral office is hosting parish youth and young adult nights for parishes interested in starting a new youth ministry (for middle and high schoolers) and/or young adult ministry (18-35 year olds).

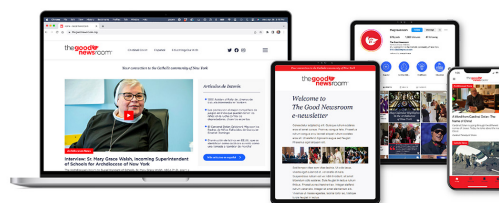
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PARISH LIFE

Around the Archdiocese

Evenings of Hope: Co-creating the Earth We Want to Love

Join Ascension Catholic Church in celebrating 130 years of parish history with Evenings of Hope, a speaker series inspired by the Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope.

Church of the Ascension | 221 W. 107th St., between Broadway and Amsterdam

THURSDAY, APRIL 24 | 7:30 PM

Music of Hope Concert Series: Choir for the Vision Impaired

Heart-lifting music to bring joy and hope to your heart. All concerts take place on Sunday evenings at 5:30 PM at St. Frances Cabrini Shrine NYC. Admission: FREE. [Click here](#) for more information.

St. Frances Cabrini Shrine | 701 Fort Washington Ave., New York, NY

SUNDAY, MAY 4 | 5:30 PM

Praise and Worship: A Night of Hope

Join the Parish of Holy Name of Jesus – St. Gregory the Great in Manhattan for Tony Melendez in concert.

Holy Name of Jesus – St. Gregory Church | 207 W. 96th St., New York, NY

FRIDAY, MAY 9 | 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

St. Gianna Mass: An Evening of Prayer for Couples Suffering Infertility and Miscarriage

Join the Dominican Healthcare Ministry for the St. Gianna Mass, offered for couples suffering infertility and miscarriage. Mass will be followed by the veneration of the relics of St. Gianna, a reception, and the opportunity to meet privately with physicians and practitioners from the Gianna Center who specialize in assisting couples with infertility.

St. Catherine of Siena Church | 411 E. 68th St., New York, NY

FRIDAY, MAY 16 | 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Please contact the parish directly to confirm whether scheduled events will proceed in light of observances following the death of Pope Francis.



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From Resurrection to Pentecost This is Easter Season

WEEK 1

The Resurrection Changes Everything

He is Risen! The 50 days of Easter begin with the joy of the Resurrection. This season is not just one day—it's a journey of celebration, transformation, and new life. Just as Lent prepares us through sacrifice, Easter Season invites us into abundant joy and renewal. Alleluia!

WEEK 2

Divine Mercy and New Life

The second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday—a reminder that Christ's Resurrection brings not only new life, but unlimited mercy. In these 50 days, we are called to live in the light of that mercy and share it with others.

WEEK 3

Walking with the Risen Christ

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we too are walking with Jesus—even when we don't recognize Him. These weeks help us grow in awareness that Christ is alive and present, especially in the Word and the Eucharist.

WEEK 4

The Good Shepherd Leads Us

In Week 4, we reflect on Christ as the Good Shepherd—who lays down His life and leads us to eternal life. Easter is not just about joy; it's about trust in the One who guides, protects, and knows us by name.

WEEK 5

Living the New Commandment

Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you." In this season, we are challenged to live the Resurrection by living radical love—within our homes, communities, and Church. Easter joy is meant to overflow into action.

WEEK 6

A Promise of the Spirit

As the season progresses, we hear Jesus speak of the Holy Spirit. These days are a time of expectation—preparing us for Pentecost. The Risen Christ doesn't just leave us with hope; He promises us the power to live it out.

WEEK 7

Waiting for Pentecost

The final week of Easter is one of anticipation and prayer, just as the Apostles gathered in the Upper Room. The season began with the empty tomb and ends with hearts ready to be filled by the Holy Spirit. The Church is being readied to go out into the world.

For more information about Easter Season, visit archny.org/seasonofgrace/easter



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