Who Is Pope Francis?

It’s not much of an exaggeration to say that the world has fallen in love with Pope Francis. His media coverage has been almost universally positive. Francis has succeeded in putting a far more positive and welcoming face on Catholicism, to the consternation of some Catholics who wonder if he is compromising the message too much.

Of course many knowledgeable commentators have insisted, as has the Pope himself, that there is no stepping away from Catholic doctrine in anything the Pope has said or done. So what is the difference? Is it just style or tone that have changed, or something more substantial as well?

To answer this question we have to go where the secular media cannot tread: to the theology, the deepest religious beliefs that Jorge Mario Bergoglio brought with him to the papacy. He has introduced not a new set of doctrines but something very much rooted in Catholic tradition. Yet Pope Francis invokes this core belief with such fervor and comprehensive application that it really can serve as a new focus for the Church.

The Pope quotes Vatican II, “Salvation . . . is for everyone.” But then he goes on. God “has chosen to call (human beings) together as a people and not as isolated individuals.” These two statements — that salvation is universal and communally offered — can serve as a summary of much of the Bible and is already firmly in place in Catholic teaching. But Pope Francis applies this fundamental insight relentlessly. This forcefulness has immense implications for the life of the Church.

Francis’ fundamental image for the Church is that it is a “field hospital” because “the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful.” He is far more interested in the Church going out, forsaking its comfort zone, getting its feet dirty — as he himself did in the slums of Buenos Aires — than in a Church that is primarily looking inward as if it is maintaining a museum with artifacts that no one any longer needs. The world listens, charmed, because few leaders speak to us as one human family that should come together. However, what drives this is the core conviction that the grace of salvation is fundamentally directing us together into a community of care and respect.

This theology of salvation grounds his belief in the fundamental dignity of every human being and his insistence that “social relations,” not just isolated individuals, are also an object of the redemption wrought by Christ. It explains why for Pope Francis so much of the Christian vocation is tied up with the primary desire to “seek and protect the good of others.”

There is much in our American culture that resonates with such idealism. In the American psyche it is popular to look back nostalgically to the Greatest Generation that pulled together to defeat the Axis powers in World War II. In much the same spirit, with the world confronting a global economy and ever more complex societal structures, the Pope calls for “a new mindset which thinks in terms of community and the priority of the life of all over the appropriation of goods by a few.”

Within the American context, people get nervous with the kind of language that comes so forcefully from Pope Francis because, they say, it sounds like “socialism.” He knows nothing of economics, some retort, or his critical comments of the prevailing economic system apply more to his native Argentina.

There is much to ponder from a Pope who is shaking up our Church — and maybe the world!

– Joanne Cunneen
Director of Religious Education

For additional insights on Pope Francis, join us on Monday, February 10th at 7:00 PM for the lecture Pope Francis & His Message for Our Time. Presented by Orbis Books publisher Robert Ellsberg. See page 5 for more information.
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th
Discerning God’s Will & Presence in Everyday Life. 5:30 PM. Wallace Hall.
Part of the Ignatian 40s Speaker Series. Open to all parishioners.
Praying With Yoga. 6:00 PM. Parish Lounge.
For young adults in their 20s & 30s. Details on page 3.
Sunday Social. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall.
Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. Follows the 7:30 PM Mass.
Details on page 3.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10th
Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM. Meeting Room.
Join us in making rosaries to send to our military.
New members are welcome!

Pope Francis & His Message for Our Time.
Part of The Faith That Does Justice Lecture Series. 7:00 PM. Wallace Hall.
Sponsored by Ignatian Social Justice.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11th
Emmaus Bereavement Support Group.
7:00 PM. Parish Lounge.
Details on page 3.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12th
Heart to Heart Meet-up. 6:00 PM. Dorrian’s Red Hand Restaurant.
Sponsored by Boomers & Beyond.
Details at right.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Meeting Room.
All are welcome.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13th
Ignatian Volunteer Corps Information Session. 9:30 AM. Meeting Room.
Details at right.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 14th – FEBRUARY 16th
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Women’s Shelter needs set-up and stay-over volunteers every other weekend through April.
Both men and women are invited to assist.
To volunteer, please leave a message for Teresa Abruzzo at the Parish House or email svdp.shelter980@gmail.com

SPECIAL COLLECTION
Peter’s Pence Collection
At all Masses this weekend, our Parish will take up the annual Peter’s Pence Collection.
This worldwide collection supports the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others in need of emergency assistance.
Thank you for your generosity!

Ignatian Volunteer Corps
Information Session
Thursday, February 13th
9:30 AM
Meeting Room
IVC is an organization of men and women who are retired from full-time work and want to use their talents to help others. Volunteers commit two days per week to working directly with those who are economically poor and marginalized or with organizations that address issues that affect the poor.
For more information or to confirm your attendance, please contact IVC Area Director Mary Ellen O’Driscoll at meodriscoll@ivcusa.org

Adult Confirmation Class
Tuesday evenings, February 18th – April 1st
Adult parishioners of St. Ignatius who have received First Eucharist but who have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation can register for a course in preparation for the sacrament to be conferred here on Thursday, April 3rd, at 5:30 PM.
The course will begin on Tuesday, February 18th, at 7:15 PM and will continue for seven consecutive Tuesday evenings, concluding on Tuesday, April 1st.
Attendance at all the sessions is required.
Enrollment is limited.
Interested adults should contact Fr. Bergen at 212-288-3588.

New Parishioners:
We welcome new parishioners and invite you to fill out a Parishioner Registration Card located in the pew racks, at the Parish House, and online at stignatiusloyola.org
Registration is our only means of certifying membership in the Parish.
**Sunday Socials Winter Schedule**

The Sunday Socials are held in Wallace Hall at 8:30 PM, following the 7:30 PM Mass. They are hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. All young adults (ages 21-39) are welcome. To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, you can follow us on Facebook at “Ignatian Young Adults (NYC).”

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**EMMAUS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

A six-session support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one will begin on Tuesday evening, February 11th, in the Parish Lounge, from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. The sessions, both educational and supportive, are run by experienced facilitators. Registration is required. See box below.

**MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER**

Morning Sessions: Tuesdays, February 18th – April 8th 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Evening Sessions: Wednesdays, February 19th – April 9th 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an interactive 8-week guided prayer experience for small groups. Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, it introduces participants to various ways of praying and provides an opportunity to support one another through faith sharing.

What does it offer?

Weekly meetings are 90 minutes long and include group prayer and guided meditation. The cost of the program is a sliding scale of $30-$50 and covers all materials. Scholarships are available.

For information and/or to register for either the Emmaus Bereavement Support Group or Meeting Christ in Prayer, please contact Sr. Kathryn King at the Parish House or email kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org.
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16th
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Mendelssohn, Vierne Two Preludes in C Minor
Stanford Beati quorum via
Byrd Teach me, O Lord
Albrechtsberger Praeludium in G minor
Letocart Méditation
J.S. Bach Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 553 Little 8

The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series presents

ANDREW HENDERSON
Director of Music & Organist
Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 23rd at 3:00 PM
Join us in March for...
Organ Plus! — Organist Nancianne Parella
with Jorge Ávila, violin
Victoria Drake, harp
Arthur Fiacco, cello

Sunday, March 16th at 3:00 PM
All Tickets for Organ Recitals: $20
Call 212-288-2520 for 24/7 ticket ordering.
Tickets can also be purchased at www.smssconcerts.org

We pray for the faithful departed
Wayne Channer
May he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, February 10th (St. Scholastica)
1 Kings 8:1–7, 9–13 Psalm 132 Mark 6:53–56
8:30 MEM Danny Maunello
12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia
5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

Tuesday, February 11th (5th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
1 Kings 8:22–23, 27–30 Psalm 84 Mark 7:1–13
8:30 MEM Walter Carucci
12:10 MEM George Terriberry
5:30 MEM Mary Helen Vaughan

Wednesday, February 12th (5th Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
1 Kings 10:1–10 Psalm 37 Mark 7:14–23
8:30 MEM Giro & Elina Zullo
12:10 MEM Colin Cooney
5:30 MEM Edward Kaminski, Sr.

Thursday, February 13th (5th Thursday in Ordinary Time)
1 Kings 11:4–13 Psalm 106 Mark 7:24–30
8:30 MEM Marie Mas
12:10 MEM Barbara Powers
5:30 MEM Kevin P. Murphy

Friday, February 14th (St. Cyril & St. Methodius)
1 Kings 11:29–32; 12:19 Psalm 81 Mark 7:31–37
8:30 MEM Joan Kiernan Coyne
12:10 MEM Nora Terriberry
5:30 MEM Raymond J. Ferrick

Saturday, February 15th (St. Claude La Colombière)
1 Kings 12:26–32; 13:33–34 Psalm 106 Mark 8:1–10
8:30 MEM Jack O’Leary

Sunday, February 16th (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Sirach 15:15–20 Psalm 119
1 Corinthians 2:6–10 Matthew 5:17–37

Annual Golden Wedding Mass Celebration
Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2014 are invited to attend one of the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass Celebrations with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Sunday, June 14th and Monday, June 15th at 2:00 PM.
Pre-registration is required.
To register, contact Diane Boyle at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x618 or boyled@stignatiusloyola.org) by Tuesday, May 27th.
Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Family Life/Respect Life Office

You’ve notified your friends, you’ve notified your credit cards, you’ve notified your magazines. Please don’t forget to notify your church! This information helps us to keep our database current.

PRAYER RESOURCES

Pray as You Go
http://www.pray-as-you-go.org
Pray-as-you-go is a daily prayer session designed for use on your iPod or other portable MP3 player.
3-Minute Retreats
http://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.htm
Take a short prayer break right at your computer. Spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage.
Interested in becoming Catholic? Call 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org

Contemplative Leaders in Action (CLA) present

Joy in the Spiritual Life with
Rev. James Martin, S.J.: A Special Fundraiser for CLA
Wednesday, February 26th in Wallace Hall
Doors open 6:30 PM/Reception begins at 7:00 PM Followed by the Speaking Program

Pope Francis is an apostle of joy. But how can we non-popes incorporate such virtues as joy, humor, and laughter into our own personal spiritual lives?
– Rev. James Martin, S.J.

Tickets:
Individual Tickets – $100
Members of CLA Cohorts 2012 & 2013 – $50

For more information and/or to purchase tickets, visit http://jesuit-collaborative.org/CLANYFundraiser

CLA is a program of the Jesuit Collaborative

THE FAITH THAT DOES JUSTICE
LECTURE SERIES

POPE FRANCIS & HIS MESSAGE FOR OUR TIME
Monday, February 10th at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Presented by
Robert Ellsberg, publisher and editor-in-chief, Orbis Books

During the brief time he has occupied the Chair of St. Peter, Pope Francis’ leadership has electrified not only Catholics but also millions of others around the world.

With his influence crossing both datelines and the boundaries of faith, how does Pope Francis’ simple ways and powerful words impact American public life?

About Robert Ellsberg
Mr. Ellsberg, a native of Los Angeles, became a Catholic in 1980 while a member of Dorothy Day’s Catholic Worker community. He now serves as publisher and editor-in-chief of Orbis Books.

IDENTITY & INCLUSIVENESS: A TUG OF WAR IN TODAY’S CHURCH
Monday, March 24th at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Presented by
Peter Steinfels, Founding co-director of the Center on Religion and Culture, Fordham University

Among the divisions afflicting the Church today is the one between Catholics primarily concerned about strengthening Catholic identity and those primarily concerned about embracing those who have been marginalized.

How can this genuine conflict be overcome?

Sponsored by Ignatian Social Justice

Copies of a brochure that details upcoming The Faith That Does Justice lecture events are available in the Narthex, the Parish House, and at stignatiusloyola.org

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Enjoy two drinks & a variety of hors d’oeuvres.

BOOMERS & BEYOND
All couples and singles (50+) are invited to a HEART TO HEART MEET-UP
Wednesday, February 12th, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Dorrian’s Red Hand Bar & Restaurant – 84th Street & 2nd Avenue

Cost: $25 cash payment at door
No pre-payment or RSVP is required.

Sponsored by Ignatian Social Justice for Catholics who are over 50.

Interested in becoming Catholic? Call 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org
Lecture: Karl Rahner’s Legacy and the Frontiers of Theology Today & the Installation of the Karl Rahner, S.J., Memorial Chair in Theology. Tuesday, February 11th, 5:30 PM. Fordham University, Rose Hill Campus. Bradford E. Hinze will discuss the two facets of Rahner's theology: his engagement with the struggles of his contemporaries and his dedication to articulating a still-emerging tradition of Christian faith in ways capable of captivating and energizing people in their everyday lives. For more information, contact the Office of Special Events at 212-930-8894 or visit www.alumni.fordham.edu/calendar/ detail.aspx?ID=3562 to register.

The 8th Annual Liturgy & Brunch for Catholic Teachers in Public Schools. Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Catechetical Office. Saturday, February 22nd, 9:00 AM. The Riverview Caterers, One Warburton Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY. Join active and retired Catholic teachers in public schools from across the Archdiocese of New York for this opportunity to deepen your appreciation of your ministry as a teacher, share with colleagues, and pray and reflect upon Jesus’ connection with each of us. Mass celebrated by Bishop Gerald T. Walsh, D.D.V.G. Keynote by author and religious educator Gaynell Cronin on “Planting Seeds of Hope: Acorns & Oak Trees.” Suggested donation: $25. For more information, contact Helen Doon at 212-371-1011, x 2822.

Retreat with Sr. Kathleen Deignan, CND: sponsored by Pax Christi Metro New York. The retreat theme is “Pax Christi/Pax Terra: Thomas Merton & Thomas Berry in Dialogue on Making Peace with Earth.” Friday, February 28th – Sunday, March 2nd. St. Joseph’s Renewal Center in Brentwood, Long Island. Sr. Kathleen is Professor of Religious Studies and Director of the Iona Spirituality Institute at Iona College, New Rochelle, NY. Cost: $250; Commuter: $220; Saturday only: $125. Limited scholarships may be available. Registration deadline: Wednesday, February 19th or until all spaces are filled. For more information or to register, email info@nypaxchristi.org or 212-420-0250.

Weekday Masses
Monday-Friday
8:30 AM, 12:10 PM and 5:30 PM
Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for Next Weekend:
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM Fr. Ugo
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Ugo
9:30 AM Fr. Bergen
Wallace Hall
11:00 AM Fr. Witt
Solemn
11:00 AM Fr. Judge
7:30 PM Fr. Judge

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Children’s Liturgy of the Word:
Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass and the 11:00 AM Mass in Wallace Hall.

Centering Prayer:
Mondays at 6:30 PM

Confessions:
5:00 PM Saturday or by appointment. Communal Penance Services are celebrated during Advent and Lent.

Baptisms: Please call Joanne Cunneen at the Parish House to arrange for a Baptism and the preparation given prior to Baptism.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: Contact Maureen Fullam, M.A., Director, at the Parish House.

Marriages: The Bride or Groom should call Joanne Cunneen at the Parish House to begin preparation for Marriage, normally one year in advance.

Visits to the Sick: Please contact the Parish House between the hours of 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM.

Music Information: (212) 288-2520 Email: music@stignatiusloyola.org