

Faith-filled baskets a symbolic Eastern European Easter tradition

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On Holy Saturday, the Church blesses Easter foods, known as 'swieconka,' symbolizing Christ's victory over death and the faithful's preparation to celebrate Easter's joy.

U.S. cardinal to play key role until a new pope is elected

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Following the death of Pope Francis on April 21, U.S. Cardinal Kevin J. Farrell assumed the role of chamberlain of the Holy Roman Church, tasked with managing the Church's day-to-day operations and organizing the papal election.

Special Church terms used during papal transitions

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Cardinals under the age of 80 are eligible to participate in a conclave to elect a new pope. During the interregnum, the camerlengo, assisted by three other cardinals chosen by lot, manages the daily affairs of the Holy See.

Vance travels to Vatican for Holy Saturday meeting

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Vice President JD Vance met with Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, and Archbishop Paul R. Gallagher, Vatican foreign minister, April 19 at the Apostolic Palace. The discussions focused on international issues, including war, political tensions, humanitarian situations, and the defense of religious freedom.

How long will the papal transition be?

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Following the death of Pope Francis on April 21, the conclave to elect his successor is expected to occur within two to three weeks, consistent with the election periods of the last six popes.

Pope's pontificate marked by protecting those on margins

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Pope Francis, the 266th pope, has served since March 13, 2013, implementing notable reforms. He opened the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica for the Jubilee of Hope and was the first pope to wash the feet of only women during Holy Thursday.

In final testament, pope wants simple burial at St. Mary Major

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Pope Francis has requested to be buried at Rome's Basilica of St. Mary Major, where he has prayed and entrusted his life to Mary. He has asked for a simple tomb with only the inscription "Franciscus".

U.S. cardinal announces pope's death to the world

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U.S. Cardinal Kevin J. Farrell announced the death of Pope Francis, who passed away at 88. Bells tolled the death knell from St. Peter's Basilica and local churches throughout the day.

Pope returns to Vatican after long hospitalization

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Pope Francis was discharged from Rome's Gemelli hospital after more than five weeks of treatment for breathing difficulties, double pneumonia and infections. He was seen waving to hundreds of people outside the hospital.

Vatican hosts rosary in St. Peter Square as pope recovers

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Pope Francis remains in “critical” condition and continues his treatment at Rome’s Gemelli hospital, according to the Vatican press office. He is in “good spirits” as doctors reduce his oxygen intake and administer treatments to improve his health.