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Travel Information and Preparation

Bus Times

Departing: 10:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 17, 2019 from St. Stanislaus Parish in Chicopee. Check-in begins at 6:30 P.M. with Adoration at 7:00 P.M. followed Holy Mass celebrated by Msgr. Chris Connelley at 8:00 P.M.

Arriving: 6:30 A.M., Friday, January 18, 2019 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (400 Michigan Avenue, NE, Washington DC). Mass at the shrine is at 7:30 a.m.

Departing: 4:00 P.M., Friday, January 18, 2019 from St. Peter’s Church (312 Second St S.E., Washington DC) or alternate site DC Armory/RFK Stadium (19th St. SE & East Capital St. NE).

Arriving: 12:00 A.M (approximately), Saturday, January 19, 2019 at St. Stan’s.

Items to Bring, Wear, etc.

Signed and dated Release Form (All Riders) Umbrella
1 Bag lunch for 1/18/18 (or money) Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
Comfortable shoes Pillow & Light Blanket (for snoozing on bus)
Clothing appropriate for Mass Money $1.00 bills (for vending machines)
Layer(s) of clothing, including a hat & gloves Enough money for breakfast, dinner & Metro fare
Day pack, back pack or similar Snacks, Reading Material, etc.

Remember that most items that you bring, you must carry. Any items left on the bus are done so at your own risk!

Features

• The Bus will be equipped with a bathroom
• We will be making one stop for breakfast on the way down, and two stops on the way back, one for dinner and another for a rest break.
• There will be time for prayer (including the Rosary) on the bus Thursday evening for all those who would like to participate.
• There will be cell phones available upon return to St. Stan’s on January 18/19th so you can call for a ride home.

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If you have a cell phone, it is helpful to bring it along. There will be an emergency phone available during the event (cellular service available on January 17 – 19) as an extra precaution.

The targeted chaperone to youth ratio is 1 adult for every 4 youth attendees.

Official M4L Schedule of Events

11:305 a.m. Musical Opening Featuring Plumb!
12:00 p.m. Rally
1:00 p.m. March
3:00 p.m. (approx) Listen to Silent No More testimonies outside U.S. Supreme Court
3:30 p.m. Visit your Representative or Senator to advocate for life

Get the app at the Apple iTunes or Google Play stores or go to: https://attendify.com/apps/vwpax4/
OVERVIEW
The March for Life is arguably the most significant pro-life event each year. Some pro-life critics question its usefulness in saving life or changing the hearts and minds of our fellow countrymen. The presence of mostly young people in Washington DC, now for the 45th year in a row, undeniably lets our nation know, that the Culture of Life will not stop until the Culture of Death no longer imposes its way on our nation.

The impact on the legislators is also worthwhile, even if some Senators and Representatives do evacuate the Capital for the day!

But most of all it is positive, peaceful, public action on behalf of Truth itself which establishes courage in the young people of today who will be leading our country tomorrow. All of the people I know who have attended have said it was an honor and a privilege to participate and that the experience has always been a continuous encouragement for all of us to press on in the battle for life.

Let us hope that the 60 million or more souls who have lost their lives to abortion thus far, will put in a good word for any person willing to make the pilgrimage to Washington in the cold of January.

ITINERARY
The trip will begin on Thursday evening with celebration of Holy Mass celebrated by Msgr. Chris Connelley at 8:00 P.M. at St. Stanislaus Parish in Chicopee, Massachusetts. Registration will start at 6:30 P.M. All adults and youth should come prepared and ready to travel each with a completed and signed Liability Release form no later than 9:00 P.M (see Travel Information and Preparation above for related information). The bus leaves at ~10:00 P.M. If anyone has special traveling needs please be sure to contact Tim Biggins at 413/525-8022 or Peggy Bradford at 413/583-5034 as soon as possible but at least 48 hours in advance.

The trip to our nation’s capital will include a Holy Hour for Life featuring praying the Rosary (prayer materials will be provided when boarding). The bus will make one rest stop on the way to Washington.

Buses will arrive at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 400 Michigan Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017. After Mass, everyone will board the Metro at Brookland-CUA (head towards Grosvenor or Shady Grove) and get off at Judiciary Square Metro Station near 3rd Street NW (see Metro map to the right) – fare is ~$2.25 by rail with SmarTrip card or ~$4.25 with cash (2.25 + 2.00 for the SmarTrip card) for the March.

March for Life Route and Surrounding Landmarks

The SmarTrip® card is a permanent, rechargeable farecard that is safe and easy to use. You can buy SmarTrip® cards online before traveling to DC at (smartrip.wmata.com/fares/smartrip) for $2 each, at any Metrorail station, and at other convenient locations in the Metro DC area.
Itinerary (continued)

As we understand it at this date, the public witness begins at 11:30 A.M. with a rally on the mall followed by the March for Life along Constitution Avenue (the street along the north side of the ‘Mall’) to the Supreme Court and Capitol buildings (see big map). A bag lunch is appropriate for this portion of the day, since there are not many restaurants along the March Route, and there are not a lot of street food vendors in the middle of January.

Afterwards, everyone will meet at St. Peter's Church (312 Second St S.E., Washington DC) at 4:00 P.M. We don't anticipate anyone will be separated from his or her small group (one Chaperone and up to four youth) or from the overall group in general. For the past few years there have been about 500,000 people in the March. So, just in case, two chaperones will be prepared to remain should any member of the party be waylaid, but we'd prefer that all participants return together. Anyone not arriving at the buses on time because of their own fault will be responsible for their return bus fare and the fares for the waiting chaperones.

The return trip will include two stops, one for dinner and the other for a rest break. The Bus should arrive back at St. Stan's at approximately 12:00-2:00 A.M. on January 19th. Please be sure to have transportation pre-arranged for your return. A cell phone will be available to call for rides at that time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tim Biggins directly at 413/525-8022 or via email at prolifecommission@mail.com or Peggy Bradford at 413/583-5034 or pbradford@masscitizensforlife.org.

Guidelines for Safe Conduct

Remember that all attendees on this trip are representatives of the Springfield Diocese.

Patience is mandatory throughout the trip (large gatherings of people always slow down public services) Always be courteous and obey Washington DC and Park Police. Also, please do not litter.

Know the name of the Bus (Peter Pan Bus Lines, Inc.) or any other Identification provided by the bus trip leadership, do not rely on the color or design.

No one travels alone, we should all stay together at most times.

Always stay with your chaperone unless instructed to be with another chaperone by your chaperone or by the bus trip leadership.

Summary and Prayer

Please be sure to read all materials we have included in this registration packet and be sure to complete and mail the Liability Release and Emergency Medical Information form and your payment ($72.00 per adult, $72.00 per student) check payable to “RC Diocese of Springfield, MA”:

2019 March for Life Youth Bus Trip
% Mr. Timothy Biggins
200 North Main Street, W-1204
East Longmeadow, MA 01028-2392.

Attending the March for Life is sure to be a lifelong memorable experience. Please follow all safety guidelines and instructions, dress warmly using multiple layers and be well prepared for the day’s activities. All these steps have been taken to ensure a safe and holy experience for everyone on the bus.

May God bless our trip and hear our prayers for the innocent unborn by the changing of the hearts of all people in the United States and in the world to openly accept all life with love and gratitude to God, Our Father. Amen.
MARCH FOR LIFE YOUTH BUS TRIP / January 17-19, 2019

Bring this sheet with you to the March

MAP OF WASHINGTON METRO SYSTEM

[Map of the Washington Metro System]

Station Features
- Bus to Airport
- Parking
- Hospital
- Airport

Connecting Rail Systems
- Silver Line • Wiehle-Reston East • Largo Town Center
- Yellow Line • Huntington • Mt Vernon Sq • Fort Totten
- Green Line • Branch Ave • Greenbelt
- Blue Line • Franconia-Springfield • Largo Town Center
- Orange Line • New Carrollton • Vienna
- Red Line • Glenmont • Shady Grove

Legend

- Metro is accessible.
- No Smoking
- No Eating or Drinking
- No Animals (except service animals)
- No Audio (except earphones)
- No Licking or Spitting
- No Dangerous or Harmful Items

[Map is not to scale]
6 TIPS (FROM A LOCAL) FOR RIDING THE METRO

As many March for Life participants come from out of town, riding the Metro can be a new and confusing experience. We, at the March for Life, want your transportation to and from the March to be safe, comfortable, and commotion free.

Before leaving your bus, hotel room, or gym floor, make a plan, and communicate it to your team members. Make sure everyone in your group understands the fundamentals of riding the D.C. metro system. Plan your trip using the Metro Trip Planner, know what color line you are getting on, know your departure station, and arrival station. Download and distribute to your group the Metro Pocket Guide. Have a plan in case someone in your group gets separated in the crowd, or accidentally misses your train. Provide chaperone and group leader cell phone numbers to every participant of your group. Purchase fare cards ahead of time, and ensure you have enough money on the card to cover travel.

Here are six “local tips” which will help make your metro ride as smooth and as easy as possible. Follow these tips, and you’ll be riding the metro like a D.C. local!

1. **Have your metro card easily accessible, before you enter the station.** Metro Stations are crowded during rush hour, and even more crowded on the March for Life, during rush hour. One way to alleviate long lines, and avoid the frustration of fellow metro riders is to have your metro card ready, in your hand, before you enter the line for the faregate.

2. **Don’t Run.** I understand your scenario, and see it every day: you are walking down the escalator, and you see your train on the platform. You think “I better run so that I don’t miss that train!” You end up pushing and shoving, and someone gets hurt. I promise, another train will come, and most likely in no more than five minutes, and very often in less than 1 minute.

3. **When riding the escalators, stand to the right, walk to the left.** This is an easy way to avoid the annoyance of local metro riders. If you are going to stand, stand on the right hand side escalator and walk on the left, unless of course, everyone is walking, then walk.

4. **DO NOT try to hold the metro doors open.** Metro doors are not like elevator doors, and will close on your hand, arm, leg, backpack etc, and believe me, it hurts. Attempting to hold open doors will only delay train departure, frustrate your fellow riders, and possibly injure you. If you are afraid that some of your group members will be separated, make a plan ahead of time, in the event that this happens.

5. **Keep your valuables in a safe place.** Electronic thefts in metro stations have been on the rise in recent years. Metro advises that you put electronics away while riding metro, but if you must have them out, be aware of your surroundings. Most cell phone thefts happen near the door, so do not use your cell phone near the door of a metro. You don’t want to end up like this guy:

6. **Don’t eat or drink on Metro.** It is illegal to eat in the DC metro facilities; this includes escalators, platforms, trains and buses. There are large fines for eating, drinking and littering on metro. I think it’s safe to assume this is the last thing you want to spend your money on at the March for Life.

In short, be aware of your surroundings, and keep a close hold on your valuables, be courteous, don’t push, shove, or run. Treat Washington D.C. as you would treat your own home, and treat other riders, as you would treat your friends. Let’s blow away local riders by how courteous and polite pro-lifers are!

**TRANSPORT DETAILS:**

I am riding on Peter Pan Bus Number: ____________________________

My Bus Driver’s Name is: ________________________________

My Bus Captain’s name is: ________________________________

My Bus Captain’s cell# is: ________________________________

My Chaperone’s Name is: ________________________________

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