

March for Life Bus Trip 2017

Please read as soon as possible after purchasing your seat(s).

Thank you for joining this year's March for Life Bus Trip! We're very glad you are coming along.

- **Please be aware that payments are not refundable after December 31, 2016.** This is because **People for Life must pay the bus company for your seat whether or not you use it. If you find that you are unable to make the trip, you should try to find someone who can take your place and perhaps reimburse you for all or part of the cost.**
- Our buses will depart for Washington at **11 p.m.** on Thursday evening, January 26 from St. George Church, 5145 Peach St., Erie (across from the Imperial Buffet Chinese restaurant).
- If you are boarding in Erie, you should arrive at St. George Church by 10:30 p.m. Doors will be open by 10 p.m.
- If you are leaving a vehicle, please park it along the far north or east perimeter of the parking lot.
- Go inside using the school entrance, which is on the east side of the school/church complex (adjacent to the church).
- Proceed to the check-in table at the far end of the corridor, where you will be assigned your bus number. (You will be assigned a specific bus, but not a specific seat.)
- All members of a group are assigned to the same bus. But you must tell us if you are part of a group and give the name of the group well in advance the day of departure, before we finalize the passenger lists.
- When the buses arrive, you should remain inside the building until there is an announcement that the bus doors are open and the buses are ready to board.
- Remember to come prepared for all possible weather conditions, including rain, snow, and slippery streets and sidewalks.
- Unless you have made other arrangements, you will need to purchase your Metro Smarttrip card from one of the vending machines at the Stadium-Armory Metro station. Please be advised that the vending machines accept \$1, \$5, \$10 bills, and \$20 bills. However, the machines will return no more than \$10 in change: If you use a \$20 bill, the machine will keep \$10, even if you get less than \$10 loaded on your fare card.
- After the March for Life it is crucial that you return to the buses between 4:30 and 5 p.m., and **NO LATER THAN 5 P.M.** If you think you might be late for any reason, you should call one of the numbers you will be given as far in advance of 5 p.m. as possible.
- **If you do not return to the buses by departure time, you will be responsible for providing your own transportation back to Erie.** Each bus contains up to 55 other passengers, and we have a responsibility to get them back to Erie in a timely manner. Also, the bus drivers will be on a strict schedule and legally required to be home by a certain time.
- Bring as many snacks as you wish, for during the bus ride and while you are in DC. There will be two planned rest stops, one on the way to DC and one on the way back to Erie, where food and drinks will be available, but the stops might be brief, and the food selection might be limited.
- We plan to make a dinner stop at a predetermined location on the return trip. However because the March for Life has grown by leaps and bounds, restaurants along the Interstate have become increasingly congested, resulting in long delays. Thus, it is possible that we will not be able to stop on the way home until we are a considerable distance away from Washington and it is rather late.
- We hope to arrive home by 2 a.m., but this will depend on traffic and weather conditions.
- If someone is going to pick you up, the best thing is to have that person wait for a call, and make the call when we are in the Saegertown or Edinboro area on I-79.
- For updated news and information about the Bus Trip, please refer to: www.facebook.com/MarchforLifeBusTrip.

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