

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP 2020

Please read as soon as possible, to help with advance planning.

Thank you for joining this year's March for Life Bus Trip! We're very glad you can join us.

- Our buses will depart for Washington at **11 p.m.** on Thursday evening, January 23 from St. George Church, 5145 Peach St., Erie.
- 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 north or east perimeter of the parking lot.
- Go inside using the school entrance, which is just a little to the left of the church entrances.
- Proceed to the check-in table 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 please tell us if you are part of a group and give the name of the group well in advance of 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 doors are open and the buses are ready to board.
- We will also stop for passengers at the Edinboro Exit of I-79. If you are using the Edinboro stop, you should be at the pickup point by 11:30 p.m. Please call (814) 882-1333 if you have not already been instructed or are unclear about exactly where to meet the bus.
- 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 Smartrip card from one of the vending machines at the West Falls Church Metro station, when we leave the buses. 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. Exact amounts to purchase will be provided on the Bus Trip Itinerary that you will receive at the start of the trip. Be aware that all day passes are available for \$15 (\$13 for the pass and \$2 for the rechargeable SmarTrip card).
- After the March for Life it is crucial that you return to the buses **NO LATER THAN 5:30 P.M.** If you think you might be late due to an unavoidable problem, you should call and/or text (814) 882-1333. Please call as soon 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 all the snacks you wish, for 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. However, the stops *might* be brief, and the food selection *might* be limited.
- We plan to make a stop for dinner at the Premium Outlets food court at Hagerstown, MD on the return trip, around 8 p.m. However because the March for Life has grown by leaps and bounds, restaurants along the Interstate have become increasingly congested, and this can result in long waits for service. Thus, we might decide to bypass Hagerstown and stop somewhere else later in the evening.
- We expect to arrive home by 1:30 a.m., but this always depends on traffic and weather conditions.
- If someone is going to meet you upon your return, the best thing is to have that person wait for a call from you, and make the call when we are in the Saegertown-Edinboro area on I-79.
- For updated news and information about the Bus Trip, please refer to: www.facebook.com/MarchforLifeBusTrip and www.peopleforlife.life/january2020
- **Please be aware that payments are not refundable after December 31, 2019.** 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, please try to find someone who can take your place and perhaps reimburse you for all or part of the cost.

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