

52ND MARCH FOR LIFE

WASHINGTON, DC ★ JANUARY 24, 2025

- Welcome to People for Life's 52nd Bus Trip to the March for Life!
- **Please make sure that your name is on your bus captain's roster.**
- Please say hello and introduce yourself to a few of the people near you on your bus. Then after each stop, make sure those individuals have returned to their seats before we get back on the road. This procedure will help ensure that no one is left behind.
- When leaving your bus, take everything you will need for the day. The bus will be inaccessible during most of the day.
- If you need help at any time, call People for Life's cell phone at **(814) 882-1333** to reach Tim Broderick. If no one answers, leave a message.

Use this URL in case you forget how to get back to your bus: www.peopleforlife.org/bus



2025 March Map
tinyurl.com/RouteMFL



Metro Map
tinyurl.com/y7qw7b2z

| | | ACTIVITY | TIME |
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| | | ★ ★ Schedule ★ ★ | |
| | Arrive West Falls Church Metro Station | | 7:00 a.m. <i>approximately</i> |
| | Free time for touring DC Outdoor monuments, Smithsonian museums, Museum of the Bible, Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Holocaust Museum, March for Life Expo, etc. | | Until Noon |
| | March for Life Rally on the National Mall between 9th & 12th streets. | | Noon (Pre-March Concert from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) |
| | March for Life The March will be approximately 1.5 miles long and will begin on Madison Dr., on the north side of the Rally area. | | 1:00 p.m. <i>approximately</i> |
| OPTIONAL | Congressional Reception hosted by Congressman Mike Kelly | | 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Cannon Caucus Room, Room 345; Cannon House Office Building; 27 Independence Ave SE, corner of 1st St. SE & Independence Ave. SE. (Metal detectors and bag check) |
| | Bus departs West Falls Church Metro Station | | 5:15 p.m. No exceptions! Enter the Capitol South Metro Station by 4:30 p.m. at the very latest! |
| | Dinner Stop Probably fast food at Hagerstown, Maryland | | Approximately 8:00 p.m. or later Limited to 45 minutes! |
| | Arrive in Erie | | 1:00 a.m. <i>approximately</i> |

There is a *very slight* chance you that will encounter a few protesters during the March who want to argue. Simply ignore them. Any commotion would only detract from our message and help the pro-abortion people.

Using the Washington Metro (Subway) System

Before using the Metro system, purchase your **SmarTrip** card from one of the vending machines at the entrance to the Metro station. The fare cards can be encoded for any cash amount you specify. **CAUTION:** Have a credit or debit card, or \$5 or \$10 dollar bills ready to use in the vending machines. They *will* accept \$20 bills *but* will only return a maximum of \$10 in change. Your best option might be to purchase an **all-day unlimited pass for \$15.50**. (Save \$2 by recharging your old WMATA SmarTrip Card if you have one.) You will then have complete freedom of movement. Nevertheless, the exact cost for several travel options is provided below. THE ITEMIZED COSTS BELOW INCLUDE THE RETURN TRIP TO THE BUS.

Most Direct Route from the Bus to the Starting Point of the March

COST FOR ENTIRE DAY \$13.10 (includes \$2.00 for a new, rechargeable SmarTrip card)

- To proceed directly from **West Falls Church** (where we will leave the buses) to the starting point of the March and the location of the March for Life Rally, take the **Orange Line toward New Carrollton to Smithsonian** station, which is located on the National Mall, at 12th St. Metro travel time: 25 minutes, Distance 9.6 miles. Add \$.60 (\$13.70 total) if you would like to continue past Smithsonian Station to Capitol South Station. Capitol South is the station nearest the Capitol Building and the congressional office buildings and cafeterias.
- The March for Life Rally will take place at the German-American Friendship Garden 15th Street NW and Constitution Avenue.

From Bus to Starting Point of March Including a Visit to the Catholic Basilica

COST FOR ENTIRE DAY \$17.00 (includes \$2.00 for a new, rechargeable SmarTrip card). A \$15.50 all-day pass is obviously the better option.

- From **West Falls Church**, take the **Orange Line toward New Carrollton** to **Metro Center**, where you will transfer to another Metro train.
- From **Metro Center** take the **Red Line toward Glenmont** to **Brookland-CUA** (Catholic University of America) . Metro travel time (West Falls Church to Brookland-CUA) 39 minutes, Distance 12.3 miles
- After visiting the Basilica: from **Brookland-CUA** take the **Red Line toward Shady Grove** to **Metro Center**. Metro travel time 10 minutes, Distance 3.25 miles
- From **Metro Center** take any train toward **New Carrollton** or **Largo Town Center** and exit at **Smithsonian** station.
- If you want to visit the Smithsonian museums or other points of interest near the National Mall before the March, exit at Metro Center and walk south on 12th St. toward the Mall. It will be a longer walk to the start of the March.

From Bus to Starting Point of March Including a Visit to Union Station

COST FOR ENTIRE DAY \$15.75 (includes \$2.00 for a new, rechargeable SmarTrip card)

- **Metro Option 1** From **West Falls Church**, take the **Orange Line toward New Carrollton**. At Metro Center, switch to the **Red Line toward Glenmont** and exit at **Union Station**.
- **Metro Option 2** From **West Falls Church**, take the **Orange Line toward New Carrollton** and do not change trains at Metro Center but instead exit the Metro at **Capitol South** (additional cost of \$0.20), then walk north on 1st St., between the Supreme Court and the U.S. Capitol, to Union Station. This is the "scenic route." The distance is 0.8 miles, and the walking time is about 17 minutes.
- After visiting Union Station, take the **Red Line toward Shady Grove**, to **Metro Center**. From **Metro Center** take any train toward **New Carrollton** or **Largo Town Center** and exit at **Smithsonian** station.
- If you want to visit the Smithsonian museums or other points of interest near the National Mall before the March, exit at Metro Center and walk south on 12th St. toward the Mall. It will be a longer walk to the start of the March.

— RETURN TRIP TO THE BUS AT THE END OF THE DAY —

At the end of the day, the bus will be waiting at West Falls Church Station. Board the Metro at **Capitol South** Station and take the **Orange Line toward Vienna** and exit at **West Falls Church** Station. (**CAUTION: Only board an ORANGE LINE train.**)

Capitol South Station is the Metro station closest to the endpoint of the March and closest to the House office buildings. It is located on 1st St., which runs between the Capitol Building and the Supreme Court Building. Capitol South Station is only a block and a half south of the Capitol Building on 1st St. Metro travel time: 31 minutes (does not include time waiting for the next train to arrive), Distance: 11 miles.

YOU MUST BE BACK TO YOUR BUS BY 5:15 PM!



Suggested Places to Eat Before the March *this information last updated January 21, 2025*

FOOD COURT AT UNION STATION Most restaurants are open by 10 a.m., some (e.g. McDonalds) much earlier. Union Station proper opens at 5 a.m. Union Station is a magnificent and historic edifice located about four blocks north of the Capitol Building on Massachusetts Ave. From Capitol Hill proceed north on either 1st St. or Delaware Ave.; Union Station is straight ahead. The Food Court is located on the lower level.

LONGWORTH CAFETERIA (CLOSEST METRO STATION: CAPITOL SOUTH) Located in the basement of the Longworth House Office Building, the narrow office building on Independence Avenue. It is between South Capitol St. and New Jersey Ave. and between the Rayburn and Cannon House Office Buildings. It is open 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Exact location: Longworth B-223



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