

47th Annual March for Life, January 24, 2020 Information sheet (11/5/19 edition) Subject to revision

Departure: Bus#1 from St. Mary Our Mother Church, Horseheads, main parking lot <u>Thursday</u> evening, **11:45pm**, **January Jan 23, 2020** with a pickup at approximately 12:30 AM at the CVS/Pizza Hut parking lot, 197 N. Main Street, in Mansfield, PA. Bus captain is Steve Spaulding. Bus#2 from Notre Dame at 11:30 pm, with a pickup at the Ames lot in Painted Post at midnight. Bus captain is Mrs. Marie McCaig. Cars may be left at these lots. Please arrive by 11:15 pm (ND), 11:30 pm (HHDs), 11:45 (PP), and 12:15 am (Mansfield.)

Arrival in DC: about 5:15 am at St. Peter's Church, 2d and C St. (Capitol area). Bathrooms, seats, hot drinks, juice, donuts, available (free) in basement. Mass in church at 7:00 with the Bishop for those desiring. Some take the Metro to Mass at the Basilica at7:30 am, or the Youth Mass, or the annual ecumenical service.

Lobbying with legislators: 8:00 till 11:00 am. Visit Congressman's offices: Reed, 2437 Rayburn HOB, at 8:30 am and Senators' offices: Schumer, Hart 322, Gillibrand, Russell 478. Probably will have Capitol Tours via Rep Reed's office available at ~8:40 am. Also, some visit the Supreme Court, or go to the Capitol Visitor Center, the Priests for Life Interfaith Rally, etc. We will eat at about 11:00 in the Senate or House dining hall (plan \$6-\$9), then walk to the "Rally for Life" on the Mall.

Rally and March for Life: 12:00 Noon Rally starts, on the Mall, at 12th St, across from the National Museum of American History. March begins shortly after 1:00 PM, heading up Constitution Avenue to the Capitol and Supreme Court. Get as close as you can to the front of the

March (12th and Constitution)! After the March, **head back to St. Peter's**, so you make the bus!

Departure from DC: <u>Meet at 3:45 pm</u> on the steps of St. Peter's, then move to designated area at Folger Park, 1 block south of St. Peter's Church, on D St. between 2d and 3d. <u>Buses leave promptly at 4:00 pm</u>. We'll stop for dinner in Germantown, MD at the Chick Fil-A/Panera Bread plaza, for one hour. Don't forget your money for food.

Arrival home: Approximately 10:30 pm (PA), 11pm (PP), 11:15:pm (HHDs), and 11:30 (ND) back to the parking lot from which you departed.

Price per seat: \$55 if received by Dec 14, \$60 if received after that. Make checks payable to Chemung County Right to Life (CCRTL), (yes, use the old name) P.O. Box 5, Big Flats, NY 14814. (But call to sign up with Steve!) Note: seat prices tentative till we confirm contracts, but will be close to what we have above.

Contact: <u>Steve Spaulding at 607-739-9282 to sign up or learn more.</u>

Sponsorships: Individuals and organizations are encouraged to sponsor seats to allow more people to attend. If interested in sponsoring or obtaining a seat, please call Steve.

Miscellaneous: Steve Spaulding and others are happy to chaperone schoolkids in 4th grade or higher, following the above agenda. Teens and adults are welcome to join us. We pack a lot into a few short hours. Due to the great deal of walking involved, we can't chaperone kids 3d grade and under. However, anyone is free to come, and follow their own pace and agenda. Dress warmly, in layers. DC is usually 10-15 degrees warmer than Elmira, so often we are able to shed layers as the day goes on. To use weather.com to check DC weather, use zip code 20002. Wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. (I recommend boots if snow is in the forecast!) If you prepare in advance a letter for the legislators stating your prolife views and asking for their support, to leave at their offices, it saves time, and has a greater impact. Go to the NRLC website to get this year's bills of Pro-life interest, to assist you in your letter-writing. GO TO THE MARCH FOR LIFE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO, AND DOWNLOAD THEIR APP! Note: please bring a minimum of \$2/person to tip the bus driver. 110519 sas