



GOLDEN TRIANGLE

Papal Visit Briefing by U.S. Secret Service and Metropolitan Police Department September 9, 2015 Event Notes

Important Note: According to U.S. Secret Service and MPD, a joint press release will come out later this week with specific road closures (to include times and duration).

To Report Suspicious Activity

- To report suspicious activity call 202-727-9099 or access MPD's iWatch portal at iwatchdc.dc.gov
- If it is an emergency or you see something needing immediate attention **call 911**

Key Information for the Papal Visit

- Many of Pope Francis' events in D.C. are private ticketed events. His only public event in D.C. is the parade on Wednesday, September 23. 200,000+ people are expected to attend. For buildings in the BID, *Wednesday* will be the most impacted day. Many of these 200K people will metro into the BID for events.
- The Federal Government is encouraging agencies to utilize flexible workplace options like telework, flex schedules, and leave. Below is a link to the Office of Personnel's press release:
 - <https://www.chcoc.gov/content/impact-2015-visit-his-holiness-pope-francis-washington-dc-commuters>
- Encourage your tenants to carry identification with them. This is particularly important in the area around any of the security zones. In the Golden Triangle, this means around St. Matthew's Cathedral and the parade round around the Ellipse.
- The U.S. Secret Service is requesting that buildings limit rooftop activity and events. This is not like the inauguration where rooftop events were coordinated; the Secret Service is discouraging rooftop events.

Events Schedule

Below are the events according to public releases by the Archdiocese of Washington.

Tuesday, September 22nd

Pope Francis will arrive in DC at 4:00 p.m. Minimal impacts are expected around the Golden Triangle as he will motorcade to his residence near the Naval Observatory.

Wednesday, September 23rd

White House Official Arrival/Meetings

In the morning, Pope Francis will be at The White House for an official state reception and private meeting with the President.

Parade Route

At around 11:00/11:30 a.m. Pope Francis will board the Popemobile and embark on a parade route: south on 17th St. from near Pennsylvania, east on Constitution and then north on 15th street back to the grounds of The White House.

This is the only public event of his stay in D.C. 200,000+ are expected to attend. They will all be screened via magnetometer similar to Inauguration viewing. Buildout and road closures along the parade route will begin after midnight (Tuesday into Wednesday) and will end by about 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

St. Matthew's Cathedral

At the conclusion of the parade, Pope Francis will move to St. Matthew's Cathedral for a private event with the U.S. Bishops. The Pope will be there for about an hour and half (est. 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. - times subject to change).

U.S. Secret Service and MPD are trying to keep the security footprint as small as possible. Agents from USSS have been in contact with the most impacted properties.

This event will result in at least a closure of Rhode Island Ave NW near St. Matthew's Cathedral. Other closures could be short-term. These closures are being finalized and will be released in the joint press release.

Canonization Mass

By 1:00 p.m. Pope Francis should be leaving the Golden Triangle. He will be moving to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for Mass. 40,000 ticketed attendees are expected at this event.

Further impacts to the Golden Triangle will be limited to motorcade activity.

Thursday, September 24th

On Thursday morning, Pope Francis will address a Joint session of Congress at the Capitol. Following the address he will visit St. Patrick's Church and Catholic Charities to give a blessing and feed the homeless.

Pope Francis will leave for New York the afternoon of September 24th.

Other non-Papal Visit Events in the City

- The Chinese Premier is scheduled to visit D.C. during this time. He has his official welcome at The White House on September 25th.
- Verizon Center- Concert
- Nationals Park- Baseball game
- National Mall- Peoples Rally for Climate Change (100,000+ expected)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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