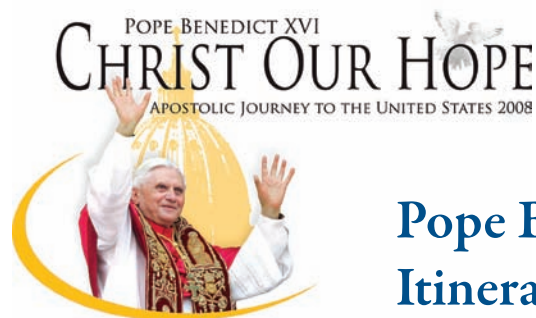


SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & INFORMATION



Pope Benedict XVI's Itinerary in the United States, April 15-20

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

Arrival at Andrews Air Force Base. Greeting by President Bush and Mrs. Bush. Also present will be local dignitaries of the Church and the apostolic nuncio to the United States.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 10:30 A.M.

President Bush and the First Lady meet the Holy Father on the south lawn of the White House. This is only the second time in history that a pontiff has visited the White House. At the end of the welcoming ceremony, a private meeting is scheduled for the Holy Father and the President, while dignitaries of the two states also meet.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 5:30 P.M.

Private prayer service and meeting with the 350 bishops of the United States at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Before the prayer service, which will be held in the crypt of the Shrine, there will be outdoor photo opportunities of the public welcoming the pope to this national church.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 10 A.M.

The pope will offer Mass at the new Nationals Park in Washington. This will be the first non-baseball event in the park, and Catholics from around the country are making plans to attend.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 5 P.M.

The heads of the more than 200 Catholic colleges and universities in the United States and school superintendents from the 195 Catholic dioceses have been invited to an address by Pope Benedict XVI on the importance of Catholic education. The address will be on the campus of The Catholic University of America, the only college in the United States operated by the bishops.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 6:30 P.M.

Jews, Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, and

representatives of other religions will meet the Holy Father at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, next door to Catholic University.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 10:45 A.M.

Pope Benedict XVI will address the United Nations, after an early morning flight to New York.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 6 P.M.

Prayer service with leaders from other Christian denominations at St. Joseph's Church, founded by German Catholics, in Manhattan.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 9:15 A.M.

Mass for priests, deacons and members of religious orders at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 4:30 P.M.

The Holy Father will meet with young Catholics, including 50 youngsters with a range of disabilities, at St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers. Thousands of young people, including hundreds of seminarians, are expected to participate in a rally/prayer service and to hear the pope speak.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 9:30 A.M.

The Holy Father will visit Ground Zero, the site of the disaster at the World Trade Center.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2:30 P.M.

Mass at Yankee Stadium will bring this historic visit to a close. The 200th anniversary of the Baltimore Archdiocese's designation as an archdiocese, as well as the birth of four dioceses—Boston, New York, Louisville and Philadelphia—will be highlighted during the Mass.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 8 P.M.

Shepherd One lifts off from John F. Kennedy airport in the Brooklyn Diocese, heading east to the Eternal City.

SOLEMN PONTIFICAL BICENTENNIAL MASS YANKEE STADIUM, THE BRONX, SUNDAY, APRIL 20

9 a.m. Gates open

(Food, drinks, and merchandise available.)

NOON All Gates close, "Concert of Hope" begins

2 p.m. "Concert of Hope" concludes

2:10 p.m. Holy Father travels around the stadium in the Popemobile

2:20 p.m. Procession begins

2:30 p.m. Celebration of the Mass begins

5 p.m. Mass concludes

5:30 p.m. Pope Benedict XVI leaves stadium

5:45 p.m. Guests leave stadium

Gates to Yankee Stadium will open at 9 a.m. and close at noon. All guests must be inside Yankee Stadium prior to that time. The "Concert of Hope" featuring Harry Connick, Jr., Marcello Giordano, Stephanie Mills, José Feliciano and Dana, will begin at noon and conclude at 2 p.m. Pope Benedict XVI will begin the celebration of the Solemn Pontifical Bicentennial Mass at 2:30 pm.

Attendees will be subject to usual high security protocols (screenings, searches, ID's) associated with such events. Attendees must present his or her ticket and government-issued photo ID to access the stadium. Each ticket is numbered and assigned to a specific individual. The ticket is non-replaceable and non-transferable. Once in the stadium, ticket holders are not permitted to leave and re-enter. No one will be admitted after noon. Secret Service will close access two hours prior to the Pope's arrival.

PROHIBITED ITEMS: Metal, plastic or glass containers, backpacks, strollers, totes, and large bags, food and beverages, video cameras, and tripods. Please note diaper bags are permitted. Video cameras are prohibited. Still cameras are permitted.

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS TO YANKEE STADIUM

BY SUBWAY

From Manhattan:

4, D to 161st St./Yankee Stadium.; Shuttle from Times Square/42nd St. to Grand Central/42nd St. and transfer to the Woodlawn-bound 4.

From Queens:

7 to Grand Central/42nd St.; transfer to the Woodlawn-bound 4.

E to Lexington Ave./53rd St; transfer to the Bronx-bound 6, transfer at 86th or 125th Streets to the Woodlawn-bound 4.

N, R Train to Lexington Ave./59th St; transfer to the Woodlawn-bound 4.

From Brooklyn:

L to 14th St./Union Sq; transfer to the Woodlawn-bound 4.

J to Chambers St.; transfer to the Woodlawn-bound 4.

A, C, 2, 3 to Fulton St./Broadway-Nassau; transfer to the Woodlawn-bound 4.

A, C at West 4th St.; transfer to the Bronx-bound D.

Q to Atlantic Avenue; transfer to the Woodlawn-bound 4 or Bronx-bound D.

N, R to 36th St.; transfer to the Bronx-bound D.

N, R to Pacific St./Atlantic Ave; transfer to the Woodlawn-bound 4 or Bronx-bound D.

BY COMMUTER RAIL

From Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess Counties and Connecticut: Take Metro-North to Harlem/125th St. and transfer to the Woodlawn-bound 4.

From Nassau and Suffolk Counties: Take the LIRR to Penn Station. Take the A, C to 59th St. and transfer to the Bronx-bound D.

BY BUS

Bx16 or Bx34 to the 4 at **Woodlawn**. Bx6, Bx13, Bx1 to **Yankee Stadium**. BxM4A/B to **161st Street/Grand Concourse**.

(Buses in the area of Yankee Stadium may be rerouted. Look for signs at bus stops.)

* **For additional travel information, call 718-330-1234 seven days a week from 6 a.m.-10 a.m.**

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YOUTH AND SEMINARIAN RALLY ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY, YONKERS SATURDAY, APRIL 19

9 a.m. Gates open, Festival Area open—food/drinks/merchandise available

NOON Youth and Seminarian Rally Concert starts

4 p.m. Concert Ends, Pope Benedict XVI arrives at St. Joseph's Seminary. Chapel Ceremony—Pope Benedict XVI greets disabled children

4:30 p.m. Pope Benedict XVI - Meeting with Youth and Seminarians

6 p.m. Pope Benedict XVI leaves the seminary grounds.

The Youth and Seminarian Rally, including prayer and entertainment, is scheduled to begin at noon. Gates will open as early as 9 a.m., even though the ticket states "Gates Open at 10 a.m." Absolutely no one will be admitted after 2 p.m. The entire area will be frozen for two hours prior to the pope's arrival at the seminary.

Attendees must show a picture ID and a ticket to access the Seminary grounds. Parental permission slips are required for participation by any elementary and high school student. Chaperones must bring with them a copy of the form containing all the pertinent information on each student assigned to them, especially the phone number of the parent/guardian to be contacted in case of an emergency. Chaperones must accompany their entire group through the entry gate and must keep track of the group throughout the day.

For security reasons, all ticket holders must enter through a magnetometer: bags will be searched. All individuals will be subject to search by the U.S. Secret Service and/or the Yonkers Police Department. Once on the Seminary grounds, ticket holders will not be able to leave and re-enter. The Archdiocese of New York is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets. Each ticket is numbered and assigned to a specific individual. The ticket is non-replaceable and non-transferable. The ticket is free and not to be sold.

When Pope Benedict XVI leaves the Seminary chapel after greeting the disabled children, he will travel via Popemobile down to the lower field to meet with the Youth and Seminarians.

All seating is on the grass (no chairs will be set up) and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Dress should be modest and appropriate for this kind of seating.

Complimentary food vouchers, which will be redeemable at the vendors, along with other items, will be given to each attendee as they enter the seminary grounds. Snacks will be available for purchase throughout the day.

There will be medical personnel, lost and found, and information tables available at all times during the rally.

PROHIBITED ITEMS: The following items are prohibited: metal, plastic or glass containers of any kind, backpacks, totes, and large bags, large flags or banners, poles and staffs (metal, plastic or wooden), weapons and illegal substances, fireworks, whistles, food and beverages, video cameras and tripods.

GETTING TO THE RALLY

TICKET HOLDERS:

There will be no parking permitted near St. Joseph's Seminary. All attendees must go to Yonkers Raceway first. The best ways to get to Yonkers Raceway are by chartered bus, or public transportation. Free shuttle buses will be available to bring attendees from the raceway to St. Joseph's Seminary.

Chartered Buses: All buses (charter or school bus) and vans will be directed to Yonkers Raceway where bus parking will be staged. If you are chartering buses, other than through Charter Demand, you must have approved placards, which are to be placed in the front windows of the buses. Please read the information on the back of the placard for specific directions. Approved placards can be obtained through Sister Eileen Clifford, O.P., at 212-371-1011 ext. 2949. If you wish to charter buses through Charter Demand and you need assistance, contact Sara Anderson at 1-800-344-4197 or Dr. Catherine Guerriero at 212-371-1011 ext. 3615. Beginning at 9 a.m., free shuttle buses will take rally attendees from the raceway to St. Joseph's Seminary and will return attendees to the raceway after the rally. All Blue Ticket holders will use the Valentine Street entrance to the Seminary grounds.

Public Transportation: For those taking public transportation, shuttle buses to Yonkers Raceway will be available at the Yonkers Metro North Station, the Van Cortlandt Park-242nd Street stop of the 1 subway line, and the Woodlawn Station of the 4 subway line. You must show your ticket before boarding the shuttle buses. Once you arrive at Yonkers Raceway, free shuttle buses will be available from the raceway to St. Joseph's Seminary and will return attendees to the train stations after the rally. All Blue Ticket holders will use the Valentine Street entrance to the Seminary grounds.

Those arriving by foot at Yonkers Raceway must enter by the Central Avenue gate. Free shuttle buses will be available from the raceway to St. Joseph's Seminary. You must show your ticket before boarding a shuttle bus. All Blue Ticket holders will use the Valentine Street entrance to the Seminary grounds.

Harry Connick Jr., Kelly Clarkson To Perform at Papal Celebrations

A world-class list of musical talent topped by Grammy winners Harry Connick Jr., Kelly Clarkson and José Feliciano will perform at Masses and other events in the archdiocese during Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Visit to the United States.

The entertainers will principally perform at Yankee Stadium, where the Holy Father will celebrate Mass on Sunday, April 20, and at St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie, Yonkers, where he will lead an event with young people on Saturday, April 19.

Carter Brey, the principal cellist of the New York Philharmonic, will play during Pope Benedict's visit to the site of Ground Zero on the morning of April 20.

Much of the music will be performed in special concerts prior to the pope's arrival and it will create an atmosphere of celebration and anticipation.

Connick, a three-time Grammy winner who has sold more than 20 million albums, will bring his vocal and musical expertise to Yankee Stadium, where his performance will include an original composition in honor of the pope.

Also performing at the famed Bronx ballpark is Feliciano, a six-time Grammy winner.

Ms. Clarkson, a two-time Grammy Award winner and the first winner of the American Idol competition, will top the list of performers at the seminary youth rally. A highlight of her performance will be her rendition of "Ave Maria" for the Holy Father during his encounter with youth and seminarians.

Also performing at the seminary will be successful Christian recording artist Toby Mac as well as the three-time Grammy-winning Christian band Third Day.

Others to perform at Yankee Stadium include tenor Marcello Giordani of the Metropolitan Opera, whom Opera News has called "the greatest living tenor"; Benoit Jutras of Cirque du Soleil; and popular Irish tenor Ronan Tynan, known as the singing Voice of the New York Yankees, and Broadway star Stephanie Mills.

Also, Dana, the popular Irish singer; the Young People's Chorus, which has performed at the White House; the Libera Boys Choir, which has performed with Elton John and Luciano Pavarotti; the Harlem Gospel Choir and the West Point Cadet Choir from the United States Military Academy, which performed at Pope John Paul II's Central Park Mass in 1995. The cadet choir will also perform at St. Joseph's Seminary.

A total of 250 high school students from local Catholic schools will take part in an opening procession, choreographed by Daniel Ezralow, who choreographed Cirque du Soleil's hit show "Love."

Performing during the Papal Program at the seminary youth rally are the Communion and Liberation Choir and Teng Fu, a 15-year-old piano prodigy.

Many acts performing at the rally were selected following an audition process that saw a huge number of acts. Those selected include: Fragile Tomorrow, a rock and roll band; St. Michael's Warriors Dance Company; Full Armor, an alternative rock group; Mount St. Ursula Dance; Father Stan Fortuna, C.F.R., who performs Eucharistic rock; St. Patrick's Teen Choir from Yorktown Heights; Father Joseph Espaillet, administrator of St. Peter's parish in Yonkers, who performs Christian rock; Marymount School Choir; Instituta de Cultura Hispana Dance; St. Charles Borromeo Gospel Choir from Harlem; and vocalist Rachel Webb.

Other professional acts performing at the youth rally include Salvador, a group that specializes in Christian and Latin pop music with a crossover appeal, and Three Graces, a female group of classical and pop artists.