

## Poor People's Campaign - June 18, 2022

*In-Person in Washington, DC, and Virtually from Home*

**Who:** We are urging all Franciscans and Franciscan-hearted people to participate in the [Mass Poor People's and Low-Wage Workers Assembly](#) on June 18, 2022.

**Why:** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. [called for the first Poor People's Campaign in 1967](#) and he was assassinated just a month before that

first march on Washington occurred. Dr. King sought to unite poor and low-wage workers of all social and racial backgrounds in a common effort address the unjust social, political, and economic systems that lead to poverty and injustice across the United States and the world.

Today, [Rev. Drs. William Barber and Liz Theoharis have revived Dr. King's call](#) and they are organizing this Moral March on Washington as a sign and symbol of the power that the poor and marginalized and their allies have to provoke change. As Franciscan's we are drawn to the poor and marginalized and we are committed to a preferential option for their needs. Because of this, in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare, we feel called to participate in this national mobilization and in turn we urge you to join us!

**How:** *Participate in person as an individual or as part of a group.* [REGISTER HERE](#)

### • Gathering Place #1

- **Saturday, June 18 @ 9:00 am** = Gather outside [St. Patrick's Catholic Church](#) in Washington, DC

- 619 10<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Washington, DC 20001
- Vehicles can drop off nearby at 3<sup>rd</sup> & G Streets NW
- Vehicles can park in garages near St. Patrick Church
- Those traveling by METRO can use two nearby stations
  - [Metro Center](#) (red, orange, silver, blue lines)
  - [Gallery Place-Chinatown](#) (green, yellow, red lines)

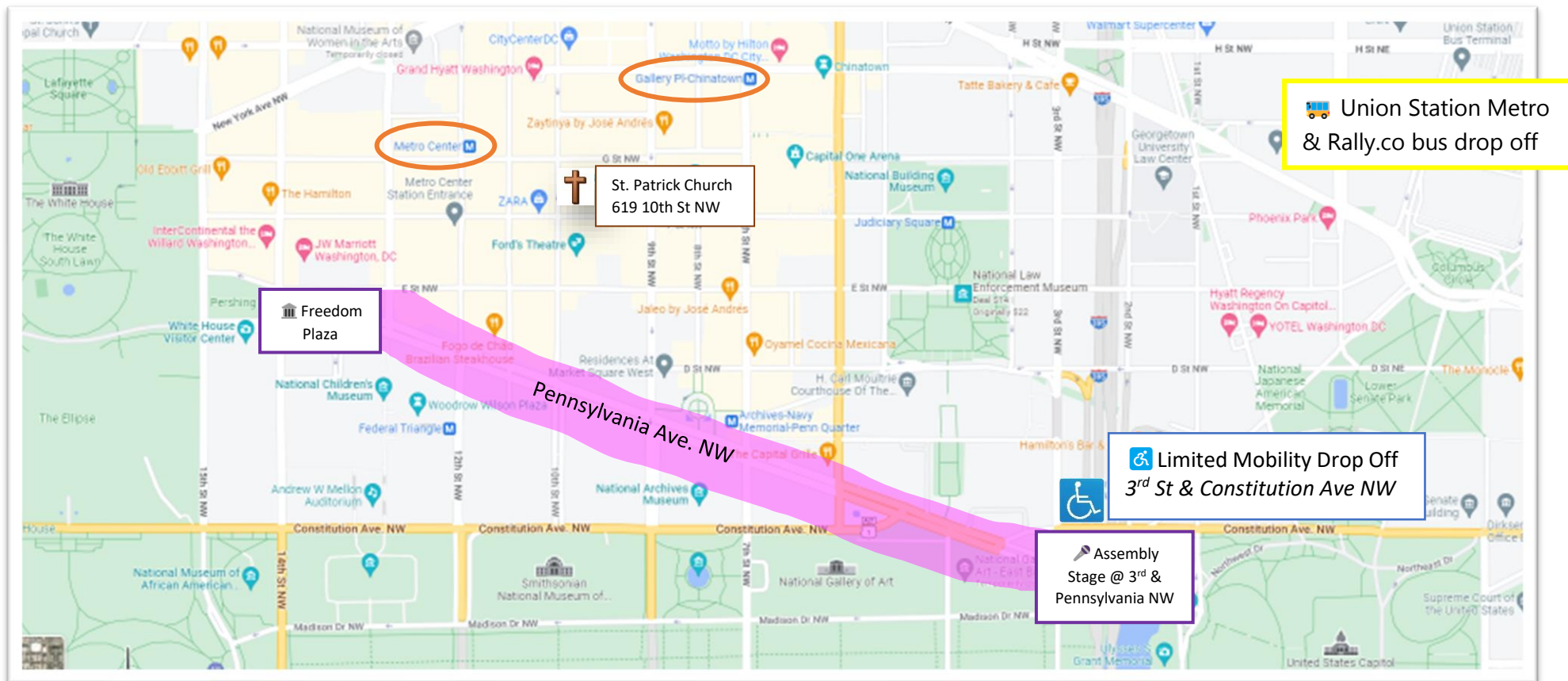
- We will have a short prayer service at 9:00 am, then we will join those marching on Pennsylvania Avenue from Freedom Plaza to the assembly location at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Penn. Ave.
- The assembly begins at 10:00 am and continues throughout the day until 2 pm.

- **NOTE: for those with disabilities or mobility issues, the walk from the church to the assembly is approximately 1 mile on relatively flat surface streets and sidewalks. Attendees may bring folding chairs/stools. Alternately, those with mobility issues may be dropped off near the assembly stage at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Constitution Ave.**

### • Gathering Place #2

- **Those with limited mobility** are encouraged to be dropped off at 3<sup>rd</sup> St. & Constitution Ave NW and to look for the "Catholics for Justice" signs. Those with limited mobility will be located near the main stage.
- **Coming from a Distance by Bus:** If you need a ride to the Poor People's Assembly, [Rally.co](#) is currently working to organize over 325 buses from around the country. If you come by bus, you will be dropped off at Union Station and can find fellow participants at Gathering Place #2.

**OPTION 2:** *Watch at home or hold a watch gathering in your local community.* The Moral March will be broadcast via the [Poor People's Campaign website](#) and social media as well as on the websites and social media of many partner organizations.



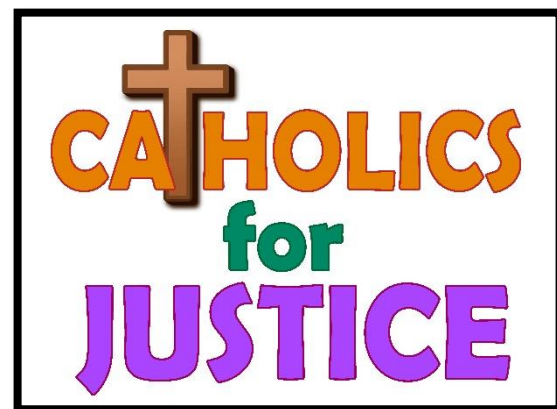
#### Gathering Place #1 = St. Patrick's Church (619 10<sup>th</sup> St. NW)

- Ride Metro to Metro Center or Gallery Place – Chinatown Stations
- Get a ride (Uber, cab, friend, etc.) and drop off at corner of G and 10<sup>th</sup> St. NW
- Park in a garage near St. Patrick's
- *Prayer service at 9am followed by march down Pennsylvania Ave. to the assembly stage. Catholic groups will try to stay together. Look for the "Catholics for Justice" signs* ➡

#### Gathering Place #2 = 3<sup>rd</sup> St. & Constitution Ave. NW (for limited mobility)

- Be dropped off at this location after 9am and look for the "Catholics for Justice" signs ➡
- Limited mobility participants will try to stay together near the stage

**Coming on a Rally.co Bus** = If you are coming via one of the Poor People's Campaign buses, you will be dropped off at Union Station. We encourage you to walk to Gathering Place #2 and look for the "Catholics for Justice" signs ➡



## Some Frequently Asked Questions ([Click here for more FAQs](#)):

### ***Can I bring a banner?***

Yes, banners and signs smaller than 20' x 3' x ¼" are welcome. Please do not mount signs on wood or metal sticks or posts as they will not be allowed in.

### ***Will there be language translation?***

Yes ASL and Spanish interpretation will be provided for in-person participants and via online streams.

### ***Will there be restrooms?***

Yes, there will be non-ADA and ADA accessible Port-o-Johns and hand washing stations onsite.

### ***What items are not allowed?***

- Weapons, explosives, or fireworks
- Large chains, spiked jewelry, or wallet chains
- Poles, bats, clubs, or sticks (including NO selfie sticks)
- Large or pointed umbrellas (compacts <42" when opened are ok)
- Laser products
- Illegal and Illicit substances of any kind
- Drones or any other remote flying device
- Alcohol of any kind
- Bottles or cans (NO aerosol products of any kind)
- Coolers
- Glass containers of any kind
- Backpacks, Large Bags or Sealed Packages\*
- Air horns, bells, bullhorns, or other noisemakers
- Pets (service animals are welcome!)
- Professional radios or walkie-talkies
- Skateboards, scooters, bicycles, wagons, carts or any personal motorized vehicles (other than wheelchairs).
- Unauthorized solicitation materials including handbills, flyers, stickers, beach balls, giveaways, samples, etc.
- Any other item we believe to be dangerous, unsafe, or disruptive to the event
- Any other items that may pose a threat to the security of the event as determined by and at the discretion of the security director

### ***Are there events scheduled for Friday, June 17?***

Yes!

#### **What: Everyone Has a Right to Live Communal Dinner**

**When: Friday, June 17th, 5:00 – 7:00pm ET**

**Where: Freedom Plaza, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC**

All are welcome to a special community meal and time of fellowship on the eve of the Mass Poor and Low Wage Workers' Assembly and Moral March on Washington and to the Polls.

#### **What: National Memorial Service**

**When: Friday, June 17th, 7:30-8:30pm ET**

**Where: Lincoln Memorial, 2 Lincoln Memorial Cir NW, Washington, DC**

Please join us in mourning the loss of over 1 million lives to COVID-19 and the many more we have lost to the interlocking injustices of Poverty, Racism, Militarism, Ecological devastation, and the distorted moral narrative of Christian Nationalism. We will come together to mourn and to spiritually ground ourselves as we prepare for the Mass Poor and Low Wage Workers' Assembly and Moral March on Washington and to the Polls, and for the struggle ahead.



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