



DATE: September 21, 2015  
TO: SJU Community  
RE: Papal Visit Information

In just a few days, the historic visit of Pope Francis to Philadelphia will be underway. In the meantime, I would like to call your attention to a number of important items specific to our campus and the surrounding area.

- Classes will be held and administrative offices will be open as scheduled on **Friday, September 25 and Monday, September 28**. We have been advised by local authorities that University operations will not be impacted by road closures on those dates. Staff who may have related transportation issues should make appropriate arrangements with their department heads.
- There will be no classes, Admission activities or varsity athletic events on **Saturday, September 26 or Sunday, September 27**.
- Campion Dining Room will be open normal hours. Starbucks will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on **Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27**.
- The O'Pake Recreational Center will operate on a normal schedule throughout the weekend, but the Athletic Center in Hagan will be closed Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27.
- Post Learning Commons and Drexel Library will operate on an abbreviated schedule.
  - On **Friday, September 25** both will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
  - On **Saturday, September 26**, Post Learning Commons will be open to current students, faculty and staff from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The building will not be open for visitors.
  - On **Sunday, September 27**, Post Learning Commons will be open from noon to midnight. Drexel Library will be open from 6 p.m. to midnight.
  - Normal hours and services will resume on **Monday, September 28**.
- The regular 11 a.m. Mass in the Chapel of St. Joseph will not be held on **Sunday, September 27**, due to the closure of City Avenue. The 7 and 9 p.m. masses will be celebrated as City Avenue is currently scheduled to reopen late Sunday afternoon. Those wishing to watch the Papal Mass may do so at 4 p.m. in the Foley Center.
- Due to the closure of City Avenue, there will be no University shuttle service on **Saturday, September 26 or Sunday, September 27**. Limited escort service will be available on those dates, although students can anticipate delays and longer travel times due to traffic restrictions in the area. Please contact Public Safety (x1111) for up-to-date information.

- A number of campus parking areas will be restricted or closed over the weekend **starting at 10 p.m. on Friday, September 25**. Lots will reopen by late evening on **Sunday, September 27**. In particular, Hawks' Landing and the Mandeville Hall lots will be open only to SJU permit holders. Same for student residence lots at Rashford Hall, Lannon Hall, Sullivan Hall, Hogan Hall, Moore Hall, Ashwood Hall and the Morris Quad. Parking lots at Loyola Center, Barbelin Hall and Merion Gardens will all be closed by federal and local law enforcement for use by emergency responders. Vehicles left in these parking areas will be prohibited from leaving by federal and law enforcement until late evening on Sunday, September 25. Please note that Campion/Sourin, Science Center (Neumann) and McShain lots will be cleared of all vehicles and closed by 10 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, and will reopen as scheduled along with other parking areas.
- Cardinal Avenue and Lapsley Lane will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning on **Friday, September 25 at 10 p.m.**, and will reopen by late evening on Sunday, September 27. Students and visitors are encouraged to secure their vehicles elsewhere in advance of the weekend and walk to and around campus as needed.
- All campus gates will be closed at **10 p.m. Friday, September 25**, and will reopen by late evening on Sunday, September 27.
- Guests in residence halls will be limited beginning at **9 a.m. on Thursday, September 24 through 9 a.m. Monday, September 28**.
- Visit [www.sju.edu/pope-events](http://www.sju.edu/pope-events) for more information on SJU events related to the Papal Visit and the World Meeting of Families, and commentary on Pope Francis from faculty experts and SJU Jesuits.

Logistical considerations notwithstanding, this week presents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our students and the extended Saint Joseph's community. The leader of the Roman Catholic church will travel through our campus on multiple occasions and be staying literally down the street from many of us.

Due to this unusual proximity, we are likely to experience greater than ever crowds and traffic in the Wynnefield, Overbrook and Lower Merion communities. I ask our students, faculty and staff to be both welcoming and aware of their surroundings as they witness this extraordinary moment in the history of our city.

Should the Pontiff be looking for a bit of the *magis* on his way to or from St. Charles Seminary, let's make sure he sees plenty of it at Saint Joseph's University. Thank you.