

## **Transportation and parking information (including from airport to and from conference site, and to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary)**

### Travel

Travel to Philadelphia is provided through the Philadelphia International Airport, Amtrak (Philadelphia-30<sup>th</sup> Street Station), Greyhound bus (downtown, just a couple of blocks from Jefferson Street regional rail/SEPTA Station), and regional rail (Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority, i.e., SEPTA, with connections throughout most of the greater Philadelphia area within about a 30 mile radius, including connections to parts of New Jersey and Delaware). Please see below for additional details, including how to connect from the downtown train stops and the Airport to the conference site at 4100 Presidential Blvd (Marriott Courtyard off City Avenue; City Avenue is also US Route 1). (The Jefferson Street station occupies the area between 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and Market Street in downtown Philadelphia.)

#### I. Air

As noted above, travel to Philadelphia is provided through the Philadelphia International Airport. One can occasionally find good deals on flights from Newark, NJ with connecting Amtrak train service to Amtrak-Philadelphia-30<sup>th</sup> Street station, though Newark, NJ is approximately a 2 hour drive from Philadelphia. (Be advised that Newark, NJ is distinct from Newark, DE, which does not have air transportation, but does provide regional rail service into Philadelphia). One can also occasionally find air travel to as well to and from Allentown, PA (Lehigh Valley International Airport, approximately a 90-minute drive to Philadelphia), but transportation from Allentown is not easily available. Regional rail (Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority/SEPTA) and shuttle options to and from Philadelphia International Airport are discussed below. There are no shuttle service or regional rail connections to Allentown.

#### Transportation to and From Philadelphia International Airport

The Marriott Courtyard at City Avenue where the conference is being held does not provide shuttle service to or from the Philadelphia Airport. They do, however, as discussed more below, offer service to, but not from, the Amtrak-30<sup>th</sup> Street downtown regional rail Philadelphia station, where one can make connections on regional rail (Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority/SEPTA) to the airport for under \$10, one way. Details about taking regional rail to and from the airport from 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station and other downtown/center city stops are given below in the section marked “regional rail”). Information about bus and rail connections to the Marriott at City Avenue (located at 4100 Presidential Blvd. off City Avenue/US 1) are also discussed below.

#### A. Taxis and Uber

Be advised that until recently the City of Philadelphia did not permit Uber, Lyft, etc. drivers to pick up customers at the airport, though they were allowed to do airport drop-offs. City regulations now permit both pick up and drop off from the airport, but certain regulations, restrictions, and/or additional fees may apply. Standard taxi fare to the hotel location ranges between \$40-50, one way. Cab fare from 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station to the hotel location is about \$20-

25 one way. (NOTE that the news regarding Uber is different from what was previously listed in the information on the AMA website, which reflected an older city regulation.)

### B. Shuttles

As stated above, the Marriott Courtyard at City Avenue does not provide shuttle service to or from the airport. One can sometimes find local shuttle companies which do drop offs and/or pick ups with advanced reservations to the conference site, or downtown regional rail stations, but the cost are typically about the same as for a cab.

### C. Regional rail (Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority/SEPTA and others) to and from Airport:

Regional train/rail and bus route information and schedules can be accessed at [www.septa.com](http://www.septa.com). (Information about regional train services to and from parts of Delaware and New Jersey, where service extends into Pennsylvania, can also be found there.) Be advised that all trains to and from the airport stop at 30<sup>th</sup> Street Amtrak and Jefferson Street in the downtown district, each of which is on the same block as connections to city buses (either numbers 44 or 65) which have stops at Presidential/City Avenue within a block of the Marriott conference site. The trains to and from 30<sup>th</sup> Street and Jefferson Street run to and from the airport every 30 minutes between the hours of approximately 5 am and 11 pm (consult schedules for details). The ride from these stations to the airport is approximately 25-30 minutes (bearing in mind, once again, that there are stops at several terminals at the airport). In addition, as noted above, the Marriott Courtyard on City Avenue does provide shuttle service to, but not from, the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Amtrak/SEPTA station.

At the airport, one can purchase from the conductor one way fare to 30<sup>th</sup> Street or Jefferson Street stations for under \$10. Rates are a bit cheaper if purchased from machines at the pick-up spots at the airport. If one is returning to the Airport from any downtown stop (30<sup>th</sup> Street Amtrak, Jefferson Street, or Suburban Station) there is no option to purchase tickets on board; purchases must be made at customer service windows found at the station. Customer service is also available to help provide riders with schedule information.

There are no SEPTA regional rail connections to stops near the Marriott Courtyard at City Avenue conference site, though you can connect to the Paoli/Thorndale train going toward Thorndale with to the Overbrook stop near 63<sup>rd</sup> and City Line (also within a quarter mile of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary on Wynnewood Avenue) and catch a bus at City Avenue about 2 ½ miles away from the Marriott Conference site at the intersection of Presidential Blvd. and City Avenue.

Cabs are easiest to catch from the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station (though it is also possible to find a cab at Jefferson Street). Both SEPTA stations have local bus stops within one block where one can catch either Bus number 44 or 65 to stops right at or near City Line and Presidential Blvd. One way bus fare is under \$2.50. If you take a local bus to the hotel site, you are advised to let the driver know clearly where you wish to get off, as some bus lines go through relatively high crime

neighborhoods.

#### City Buses from Downtown/Center City Regional Rail Stops to conference site

As noted in the section above, one can catch city buses to the conference site area (within a block of the hotel) from either Jefferson Street or 30<sup>th</sup> Street-Amtrak SEPTA stations. You should look for bus 44 or 65; please consult schedules at [www.septa.com](http://www.septa.com). All bus stops should be right outside or very close to the station. During business hours, there are customer service agents at each of these SEPTA locations who can provide you with additional information.

#### D. Food at Jefferson Street and 30<sup>th</sup> Street SEPTA Stations

The Jefferson Street SEPTA station, two stops downtown from the 30<sup>th</sup> Street, is located on the same blocks as the Pennsylvania Convention Center and Reading Terminal Market. (Note that the Marriott adjacent to Jefferson Street station is not the site of conference). Between 9 am and 6 pm, Reading Terminal Market has numerous local food offerings well worth checking out, including Indian, Amish, southern soul food, German, Asian, local Philadelphia fare (e.g., cheesesteaks and hot pork with broccoli rabe), Cajun, and many dessert offerings, among many others, and local vendors selling various small wares and foodstuffs. It is an immensely popular spot for locals and tourists alike, and is well worth checking out if you have the time.

30<sup>th</sup> Street-Amtrak Station also has a decent variety of food offerings, though less eclectic and numerous than what is to be found at Reading Terminal Market.

#### II. Amtrak trains to Philadelphia

Philadelphia 30<sup>th</sup> Street-Amtrak Station is a major stop for many Amtrak routes in the Northeast and beyond, including trips several times a day from New York, Washington, DC, Baltimore, Boston, Newark, NJ, Pittsburgh, and various other cities in the Northeast Corridor region. 30<sup>th</sup> Street also services longer direct routes with service points through and ending in Chicago, Cincinnati, Savannah GA, Charlotte, NC, and FL. Most of these routes are less than 24 hours.

As noted above, 30<sup>th</sup> Street-Amtrak Station is also a stop for SEPTA regional rail. There is a bus stop within a block of the station which stops at Presidential Blvd. and City Avenue. Please see assistants at the station for more information.

#### III. Greyhound Bus

Those making shorter trips within the region may also consider Greyhound Bus. The station is a couple of blocks from the Jefferson Street/Market Street regional rail station between 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and Market Street, as well as being close to city bus stops with stops for buses 44 and/or 65 which stop at Presidential Blvd. and City Avenue, site of the conference.

#### IV. Driving

##### To Marriott at City Avenue

If you are driving across Pennsylvania, or into Pennsylvania from other states, be prepared to pay tolls. If you are driving to the conference site from the downtown area (or most routes from the airport), you will typically travel via I-76 West and look to get off at the City Avenue/US 1 South exit (exit 339). As you exit, you will be staying right onto City Avenue, but will want to stay in the left lane and be prepared to turn left on to Presidential Blvd. at the first light after you come on to City Avenue. Directly in front of you will be a pedestrian overpass with large letters saying "City Avenue." As you turn on to Presidential Blvd., you will see a parking entrance to your right that you can turn into which will lead you to the Marriott parking lot. If you come to the light with Target to your left, you have gone one light too far.

##### To St. Charles Borromeo Seminary from the hotel

\_\_\_ On Saturday morning, a Yellowbird school bus will arrive between 7:30 and 8:00 am at the conference site to take people to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary at 100 Wynnewood Road. It will stay at the Seminary for about 30 minutes after arriving for those who wish to have a ride from the lower campus where breakfast is served to the upper Campus (Vianney Hall) where the conference is being held. (The upper and lower sides of campus are about a 5-7 walk; there is an underground tunnel connecting the two sides of campus as well, but it requires navigating quite a few steps with no elevator access). The bus will then leave the Seminary site and return approximately 9 pm from the lower campus to return people to the hotel. The bus is limited to 48 passengers.

For those driving to the Seminary, you can reach the Seminary from the Marriott by driving about 3 miles straight up City Avenue. You will go past St. Joseph's University, and will be looking to turn right onto Wynnewood Road (right before this, to your left, you will see signs for 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, near the Overbrook SEPTA stop). If you are on City Avenue and reach Lancaster Blvd., you have gone about a block too far.

##### Hotel Parking

Parking at the Marriott Courtyard is in a free lot immediately outside the hotel.

##### Parking on Seminary Grounds (both lower and upper campus)

After turning right on Wynnewood from City Avenue, you should prepare to turn left at the Seminary entrance at the first entrance you see. Be advised that this entrance marks the only entrance to the Seminary grounds; other entrances further down are permanently locked. You will have to pass through a security checkpoint to drive on to the Seminary grounds; we are still making arrangements with security for particular details, but it is possible you will be asked to fill out a visitor's pass which will keep in your car. As you go through the security area, you can turn left and find parking either along the curb left of the main entrance of the main Campus (College) building, or further down in spots facing the

field, or further down yet in the main parking lot past Saint Martin of Tours chapel (please note that this is *not* the chapel where the vigil Mass will be held; that will be at the smaller Immaculate Conception chapel at the upper Campus/Vianney Hall). After coming through the security gate, you are not permitted to park anywhere to the right of the main entrance of the College Building on the lower campus; this parking in front of the building, as well as on the side, is reserved for priest residing at the Seminary. Once again, all parking will be to you left.

There are also three or four lots behind Vianney Hall and the Library on the upper campus. You can follow the campus roads and drive behind these buildings to look for available parking. Please note if you are parking along the wall on the backside of the library, several spots are reserved for Library Staff. Please do not park there. It is, however, acceptable to park in areas marked for library visitors, or