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### MTA LIRR Provides Service To Citi Field Opener, Sunday, March 29

#### *St. John's vs Georgetown-Big East College Baseball Game*

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide service to the inaugural baseball game, a 1:10 PM start, at Citi Field on Sunday, March 29. The game pits St. John's University against Big East rival Georgetown University. Parking still remains limited, so taking the train is the best way to go.

The Mets new home, Citi Field, replaced Shea Stadium and Shea Stadium Station was renamed the Mets-Willets Point Station. Service to Mets-Willets Point Station is available on eastbound Port Washington Branch trains from Penn Station and westbound trains from Great Neck and Port Washington. The train ride is just 18 minutes from Penn Station to Mets-Willets Point Station. For those traveling on the LIRR from Long Island, the Station is just six minutes from Woodside, 16-17 minutes from Great Neck and 27 minutes from Port Washington.

LIRR service to and from Mets-Willets Point Station on March 29 is as follows:

Eastbound: Trains leaving Penn Station half-hourly between 10:19 AM and 7:19 PM.

Westbound: Trains leaving Port Washington half-hourly between 10:10 AM and 7:39 PM.

The following Main Line trains will have added stops at Woodside for this game:

Eastbound: 4:22 PM, 4:37 PM, 4:52 PM, 5:22 PM, 5:37 PM and 5:52 PM.

Westbound: 11:57 AM, 12:00 PM, 12:57 PM, 1:00 PM.

Fans traveling from branches other than Port Washington can reach Mets-Willets Point Station by taking a regularly scheduled train to Woodside Station, then changing to an eastbound Port Washington Branch train.

Since Mets-Willets Point Station is located in Zone 1, tickets to that zone from outlying stations are valid to Mets-Willets Point. However, passengers must retain their ticket stubs and inform ticket collectors of their intention to travel to Mets-Willets Point Station. Customers must hold onto their tickets, which will be collected at the Mets-Willets Point Station after they disembark.

The LIRR's Mets-Willets Point Station is not handicapped accessible.

The Railroad's special Family Fare is a great way for future big leaguers to see their favorite team. Children, ages 5 through 11, can ride for only 75-cents each when tickets are purchased at a ticket office or from a ticket machine, during off-peak hours, when accompanied by an adult paying the regular off-peak fare. Parents with monthly or weekly tickets just pay for the children. Up to four children can travel with each parent (or guardian, 18 or older) at this special rate. The Family Fare is \$1 per child if purchased on-board a train. For travel during peak hours, the child fare is one-half the regular one-way fare. Children under 5 ride for free at all times.

For travel information fans can contact the LIRR's 24-hour Travel Information Center. The numbers are, in Suffolk County 631-231-LIRR, in Nassau County 516-822-LIRR or in New York City at 718-217-LIRR. The Travel Information Center's TDD telephone number for the hearing impaired is 718-558-3022. Customers can also consult the LIRR's web site at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info).