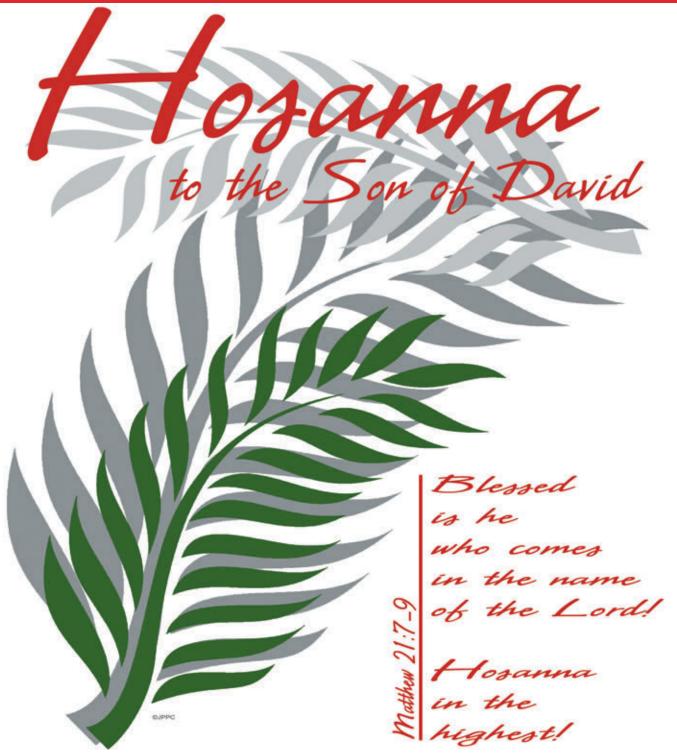
The Sunday Steward

The weekly parish bulletin for **The Church of Saint Ann** 1253 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 and the **Saint Michael Church,** Trenton, NJ

MARCH 28, 2021 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



The following is from Fr. Dela Cruz's flock notes dated March 19, 2021:



MESSAGE FROM FR. LEANDRO 'Lines' DELA CRUZ

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Spring officially arrives tomorrow morning! I think of that as reassuring, positive and hopeful. Let's decide to leave behind the darkness of Winter and the pressure of the pandemic on our optimism. Our souls, like our bodies, welcome a kind of "morning stretch." Someday soon we will be able to resume a more normal way of life and be more alive than we have been for a long while.

This 5th Sunday marks the latter part of Lent. It calls each of us more urgently to prioritize contrite cleansing of sins, the penance that comes with it and then the call to increase our time for prayer. Suggestions abound on how to accomplish this. Fasting and almsgiving top the list prescribed by Jesus Himself. Create a private place and time for you and the Lord. And enjoy His presence in you.

Last Saturday, March 13, we had a phenomenal and inspiring <u>Lenten Retreat</u> delivered by Fr. Garry Koch. And just this Thursday, March 18th, a very awesome production of <u>"It's all about St. Joseph"</u> was prepared and presented virtually by Sr. Pat McGinley and her team of speakers and presenters. Thanks to all our hosts. These are both available on our parish YouTube. If you haven't attended them, I encourage you to give yourself a good time of listening to them and praying with the Lord.

Have you been vaccinated yet? I got a call from nurse Carol of Lawrence Health Department informing me of the availability of Johnson and Johnson vaccine for 75 years and older who have trouble getting into the mega big center for Monday. Please let me know so that I can refer your name to her.

Our Holy Week schedule is posted. Kindly check the <u>schedule on our parish website and reserve your seat.</u> We encourage those who have not been with us since the lockdown and are now inoculated/vaccinated to consider coming back to our in-church liturgical services especially during the Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Let us all happily anticipate and attend these wonderful liturgies we missed out on last year. All our Holy Week and Easter celebrations are both in-church and online.

The church continues to search for volunteers who could help in our different ministries that are vital in the vibrancy of our parish life. Kindly consider to share your precious time and talents. We are still looking to fill the "Building and Grounds Committee" (composed of, but not limited to, engineers, architects and contractors), the SAS School Board (willing and interested in education), the Finance Council (women are encouraged), Ushers (practically anyone for as long as he or she knows how to smile and greet. Please consider being part of any of these wonderful ministries. God be your reward.

The Education Endowment Fund Committee or simply EC has completed its membership. Please help WELCOME our current members: Harold Laudien (Chair), Ellen Bernabe, Alex Daniel, Carol Houghton, Stephanie Peddicord, Daisy Ponting, and David Woody. Let us also CONGRATULATE the 2021-2022 EC Scholarship Awardees mentioned in this bulletin. It is our hope that we continue to help families who are deserving of such scholarship to continue to uplift Catholic education especially among our parishioners.

Finally, I am once again knocking on to your generous heart to kindly support our "Parish Tradition" of giving an Easter gift to the parish. I am hoping for a \$100 Easter gift from each family. Your financial gift will help support our parish ministries, development programs and unforeseen expenditures until Christmas. Kindly consider and encourage others to participate in this Easter gift giving to your parish.

God Loves You

Did You Know . .

The custom of blessing food for Easter arose from the discipline of fasting throughout Lent and the special Easter fast during the Easter Triduum. Easter was the first day when meat, eggs, and other foods could again be eaten. Although not of obligation, the special fast during the Triduum may still be observed as well as the tradition of blessing food for the first meal of Easter.

According to custom, food may be blessed before or after the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday or on Easter morning for consumption at the first meal of Easter, when fasting is ended and the Church is filled with joy.

-BOOK OF BLESSINGS



PALM SUNDAY -3/27/2021 - 4 PM 3/28/2021 - 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM

HOLY THURSDAY - 4/1/2021 5:00 PM

HOLY WEEK MASS & SERVICE SCHEDULE

ALL SERVICES ARE IN-PERSON & LIVE-STREAMED

RESERVE YOUR SEAT FOR ANY EASTER DAY MASS

GOOD FRIDAY - 4/2/2021

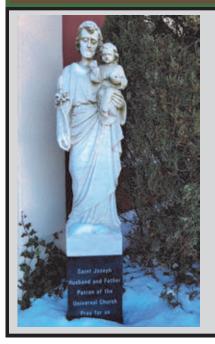
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HOLY SATURDAY - 4/3/2021 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY - 4/4/2021 6:00 AM, 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM

DURING THE SEASON OF LENT RECONCILIATION WILL BE AVAILABLE EVERY
WEEKDAY AT 8:30 AM IN THE SACRISTY
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE DAILY MASS

PALMS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TAKE HOME
& WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE WHILE EXITING
AT THE END OF THE MASSES



It's All About Joseph

Thank you to all who generously gave of their time and talent to coordinate and participate in the evening designated to honor St. Joseph as the Person of the Year. A special thank you to Nina Laubach, Tom and Judith Gregory, Mike McCormick and Alessandra Fallon who generously gave their time and talent to the production and marketing of "It's All About Joseph". For the creative and colorful flyer, we owe our gratitude to Tina Peckham Lambdin for a job very well done. To our speakers who came from near and far, we are grateful. And, of course, to all St. Ann participants in the program, we thank you for giving us more inspiration about our dear Saint Joseph. The St. Ann's children, the stars of the show, as they led us in prayer and with joy and excitement answered the question, "Who in your life is like St. Joseph".



DAILY LITURGY

for the Week of March 28, 2021

SAT.,	March 27
	4:00 PM

+Robert Malloy by Bob and Monica Brandbergh and Family

+Patrick Michael Ramsey by Kildea Family

SUN., March 28 9:00 AM

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

+Joy Ona by Nina Laubach

+Diane Sward by Husband, Don Sward

10:30 AM

+Frank M. Zado (Birthday) by Wife Yelka Zado, Sons Frank, Ray and Family

+Dr. Robert Sopko by Wife Barbara and Family

12:00 PM

People of the Parish

+Barbara and Mike Gorski by Gorski Family and Annette

+Prospero Austral, Sr. (First Death Anniversary) by Wife and Children

ST. MICHAEL 8:30 AM 10:00 AM

+Virginia Skwara by Charles and Nancy Grzenda

+All Souls

MON., March 29 8:00 AM

+Alexander and Nora Kurkjy by Odette Robinson

+ James Frances Curran by Chappy and Elsie Moore

TUES., March 30 8:00 AM

+Frank Gargione and Family by Family +Giuseppe Amendola by Ada Longo

WED., March 31 8:00 AM

+Joseph Mulay by Daughter and Granddaughter

- + Michael Costello by Chappy and Elsie Moore
- + Luz B. Ruelos by FE Concepcion

THU., April 1 5:00 PM

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper (Washing of the Feet) (followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 PM)

FRI., April 2 3:00 PM 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

Veneration of the Cross

Stations of the Cross (with Gene Lanzoni)

SAT., April 3 12:00 PM 8:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of First Easter Meal

EASTER VIGIL

SUN., April 4 7:30 AM

EASTER SUNDAY

+Antonio and Gina Rossi by Anna Rossi Lubrano

+Vincenzo and Giacinta Lubrano by Nick Lubrano

9:00 AM

+Palmina and Michael Saia by Daughter Mary Frances +John, Stella and Elaine Elenewski by Walter and Pat

Wenczel

10:30 AM

+Karl Tom by Gertrud Siber and Family

+Darryl Foyuth by Mary Ann Foyuth

+Carmela Armenti by Ada Armenti and Grandchildren

12:00 PM

People of the Parish

+Agnes and Michael Mancuso by Your Loving Family

+Carmen Gagliardi by Wife Josephine

+Joann Scofield by Family

ST. MICHAEL 8:30 AM 10:00 AM

+Matthew DiBella by Mary Beth Wood

+Susan and Michael Hudak by Ignas Family



Let Us Pray for the **Eternal Repose of** the Souls of:

Mary Doris deBlois, Prudencio Ubaldo, Michael McElroy, Maureen Esposito, Ann A. Johnson, James Curran, Evelina Gargione, Edward Sabisky, Patrick Ramsey, Richard Schweizer, Delores Andrese, James C. Cisney, Virginia Skwara, Michael Moscarello, Benny Genovesi, Vinnie Tavormina, and all the souls of the faithful departed.



Please Pray for Healing:

Jose Casiano, Fr. Rod Salazar, Jun Almanzor, Viviana Trapani and her Baby, Carol Perrine, James Snow, Noah Rybak, Lucy Johnston, Theresa Williams, Michael Fetter, Chris Clawson, Sr., Joe Bendas, Bob Brennan, Susan Sikorski, Kathleen Olson, Pasqua Pulito, Bob Toth, Mauro Family, Paul Rush, Jr., Mary Ravenel, Bonnie DeVictoria, **Erykah Preston (Saint Ann School Student)** and parishioners who are sick and homebound

List will be up for four weeks only. Please call the parish office (609 882-6491) or let Fr. Dela Cruz know in his Flock Note Newsletter if you wish to include new names and/or continue to be up on the prayer list.



April 11th 2021 **Divine Mercy** Sunday

We will celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 11, 2021 at The Church of Saint Ann beginning with the Chaplet

of Divine Mercy at 3:00 PM, followed by the Holy Rosary and Celebration of the Mass.

The main Celebrant will be Fr. Leandro Dela Cruz. Let us come together and thank Jesus for His Infinite Mercy, and ask Him to teach us to Trust in Him and to be Merciful to others. Especially in this difficult time of pandemic, we need His mercy more than ever. All are welcome!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 27, 2021 VIGIL MASSES

The Church of Saint Ann:

- Mass 8:00 AM Church (Confession immediately following in the Main Sacristy)
- Virtual Adult Lenten Small Group 9:30 AM
- Reconcilliation 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM Inside the Chapel (enter by side door of the chapel along Lawrence Ave.)
- Vigil Mass 4:00 PM Church (live-streamed)
 (If you plan to participate in the in-car parking lot Mass, please park in the designated area.)

Saint Michael Church Vigil Mass:

Korean - 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, March 28, 2021 PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

The Church of Saint Ann Sunday Masses:

9:00 AM (live-streamed) & 10:30 AM (live-streamed) and 12:00 Noon (live-streamed) (If you plan to participate in the in-car parking lot Mass, please park in the designated area.)

- RCIA Rite at the 9:00 AM Mass Church
- <u>In Person</u> Adult Lenten Small Group (10:30 AM in the FDC)
- <u>Virtual</u> Out of the Shadows with the Music Ministry (7:00 PM to 8:00 PM)

Saint Michael Church Sunday Masses:

8:30 AM - English, 10:00 AM - Slovak, 12:00 PM - Korean

MONDAY, March 29, 2021

- Mass 8:00 AM Church (Confession immediately following in the Main Sacristy)
- 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM CHURCH is Open for Private Prayer

TUESDAY, March 30, 2021

- Mass 8:00 AM Church (Confession immediately following in the Main Sacristy)
- 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM CHURCH is Open for Private Prayer
- 1:00 PM 5:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel (All are welcome)
- Virtual Adult Lenten Small Group (7:00 PM to 8:00 PM)

WEEK OF MARCH 28, 2021 Saint Ann Sanctuary Candle

+Joy Ona

Requested by Nina Laubach

WEDNESDAY, March 31, 2021

- Mass 8:00 AM Church (Confession immediately following in the Main Sacristy)
- 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM CHURCH is Open for Private Prayer
- Virtual Lenten Rosary (Youth Ministry) at 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, April 1, 2021 HOLY THURSDAY

- Parish Office CLOSED
- 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM CHURCH is Open for Private Prayer
- 5:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (Washing of the Feet) (afterward - Exposition until 11:00 PM) - CHURCH

FRIDAY, April 2, 2021 GOOD FRIDAY

- Parish Office CLOSED
- 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Chapel is Open for Private Prayer
- 3:00 PM Veneration of the Cross
- Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM Church (in-person and live-streamed) with Gene Lanzoni

SATURDAY, April 3, 2021 HOLY SATURDAY

The Church of Saint Ann:

- 12:00 PM Blessing of First Easter Meal
- Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 PM Church (live-streamed)
 (If you plan to participate in the in-car parking lot Mass, please park in the designated area along the shed.)

Saint Michael Church Vigil Mass:

Slovak - 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, April 4, 2021 EASTER SUNDAY

The Church of Saint Ann Sunday Masses: EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

The Church of Saint Ann Masses:

7:30, 9:00,10:30 AM and 12:00 PM

(all live-streamed)

(If you plan to participate in the in-car parking lot Mass, please park in the designated area.)

Saint Michael Church Sunday Masses:

8:30 AM - English, 10:00 AM - Slovak, 12:00 PM - Korean

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

We Congratulate

Brian Bentz & Jaclyn Lutes

who were married in our church this weekend. We offer them our prayers and support as they begin to live their lives as one.

ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2021

Catholic, but not confirmed? We can help.

Not to be confused with the R.C.I.A. process (designed to bring people into full communion with the Catholic Church), this process is designed for Catholics (16 years of age and older) seeking the sacrament of Confirmation, who are baptized Catholic, and have had some instruction in the Catholic Faith. There are many reasons that a number of Catholics never had the opportunity to confirm their faith through the Sacrament of Confirmation—a move, a change of parish, or just lost touch with my faith. Whatever the reason, we can help. The parish usually confirms adults who have completed their preparation on the Feast of Pentecost at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

For more information, or if you are an adult baptized Catholic interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, please call (609) 882-6491, extension 165



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Every year at this time, I reach out to the faithful of the Diocese of Trenton to ask for your help and support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. But as we all know, this not just "another year." I am mindful that I am coming to you during a time that has been and remains very challenging.

At times of need, I often think of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who committed her whole life to serving the most dire needs of the poor, the homeless, the sick she found in the streets. She was known to have said: "I can do things you cannot; you can do things I cannot; but together we can

do great things."

Throughout the pandemic, the Diocese and our parishes have remained steadfast in serving our communities in spite of the challenges, perhaps even more so. All this work requires resources. None of it can happen without you and your support. However, as St. Teresa reminds us: "Together we can do great things."

And so, I come to you again and ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal so we, together, may continue the work of strengthening parish and family life, evangelizing our community and our world, and reaching out to those in need with love and compassion. Please give what you can.

I am profoundly grateful for your past generosity and for whatever support you can provide for the significant work that lies ahead.

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Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M. Bishop of Trenton

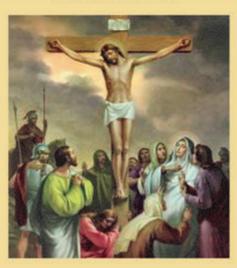


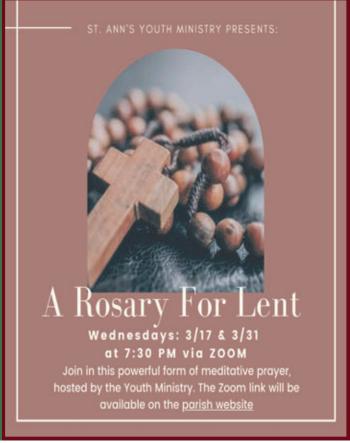
Our Parish Goal: \$100,000
Raised As of March 22, 2021: \$39,375
Percentage of Goal: 39%

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Good Friday April 2 ~ 7 PM

Led by Gene Lanzoni





2020 TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST FORM

Dear Parishioners:

The tax season has arrived and to facilitate the receipt of Contribution Statements, The Church of Saint Ann would appreciate that you submit a written request to receive your annual statement.

Please provide the following information:

Name:	
Address:	
Envelope No:	
*E-mail Address:	
Tolophone No:	

*We would prefer to send the statement to you via e-mail to limit the postage expense.

FOUR WAYS TO SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST FORM:

- 1. Please email to: annualcontributionrequest@churchofsaintann.net
- 2. Or mail to: The Church of Saint Ann. 1253 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648
- Or submit via the on-line form on the parish website: www.churchofsaintann.net
- 4. Or bring your request to the Parish Welcome Center Desk or place in the drop-off boxes.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2021

We Encourage You To "Wrap Your Gift"

Offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the Gallery of Light.

Envelopes will be in numerical order, so please make a mental note of your number. If you have forgotten your number, please look it up on the sheets hanging on the opposite wall.

Parishioners who are enrolled in Faith Direct, or do Electronic Giving, or did not pick-up their 2020 envelopes last year, have no envelopes. Parishioners who use their envelopes on a regular basis will find their envelopes on the table. Over 200 boxes of envelopes, not picked up in 2020, were discarded.

If you wish to receive envelopes, please complete your information on one of the clipboards provided. Your envelopes will then be available the following Sunday. Look for the sign, "REQUESTED ENVELOPES".



Saint Ann's parishioner looking to rent apartment/room in private home Non-smoker.

> For more information, please call Mary at (609) 896-0168.



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GOSPEL (PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION)

March 21, 2021 - Mark 15:1-39

As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him, "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of." Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed. Pilate answered, "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" For he knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate again said to them in reply, "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?" They shouted again, "Crucify him." Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "Crucify him." So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him. They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. They brought him to the place of Golgotha —which is translated Place of the Skull — They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it. Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross." Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him. At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, he is calling Elijah." One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink saying, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down." Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. Here all kneel and pause for a short time. The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

REFLECTION

Holding our blessed palms and shouting hosannas, today we commemorate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. We do so with a note of melancholy, for we know that his arrival is also his entrance into the dark days of abandonment, agony, and death. However, we know that in the end God will triumph and sin, darkness, and even death will be defeated. Confident in Jesus' redemptive power, we raise our voices in love and thanksgiving.

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Marriage Encounter

Now that Spring is around the corner, why not shake off those winter blues and pump some new life into your marriage. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. Join us from the comfort of your home via Zoom for eight evening sessions, 7 – 9:30 PM, presented on Sunday and Wednesday evenings from April 11 – May 4. Phone Tom & Ruth DeFalco 1-732-904-9636 for application and information. Visit us at: www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more information.

Reminder

Please remember that masks are required at all times while on the church premises. Social distancing must be observed and occupancy limits will be enforced. This is for the health and safety of everyone. Thank you for your cooperation. For directives on attending mass & COVID-19 guidelines from the Diocese of Trenton Visit the Parish website www.churchofsaintann.net





For information, please contact: Deacon Frank Golazeski E-mail: mail@deaconfrank.com

Or, contact the Parish Office: Phone: (609) 882.6491 ext. 111 or Fax: (609) 882.4366 Email: www.churchofsaintann.net

PARISH OFFICE DIRECTORY UPDATE

HAVE YOU FILLED OUT THE 2020 UPDATE FOR OUR PARISH DIRECTORY?

Our Parish Directory is in need of updating, and our goal is to have the most current contact information for ALL of our parishioners.

Even if your information has not changed recently, one member from every household is asked to respond in one of two ways:

- 1) Fill it out online OR
- 2) Print the form out from our website and Mail/Deliver to the Parish Front Desk, or drop it in the weekly collection basket

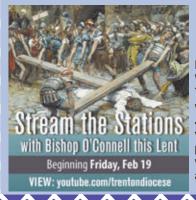
Thank you for your participation and helping us stay connected as a Parish!

Journey to Confirmation Optional In-Person Instruction (8th Grade)

In order to help our candidates prepare for the celebration of Confirmation and connect with catechists and the church, we are offering (optional) in-person instruction for 8th grade confirmation candidates on the following Mondays, from 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm in the church and FDC: March 22 , April 5, April 19, and May 3

Parents please walk your teen into the FDC hospitality area and sign in. Catechists will then walk with teens into the main church. At the end of the session, parents will sign out their teen in the FDC hospitality area. Masks are required for all teens participating. We will meet in the church and move to two separate areas in the FDC—social distancing will be observed.





Stream the Stations with Bishop O'Connell this Lent

Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., will lead a special, multimedia experience of the Way of the Cross, which will be available for streaming on the Diocese of Trenton's YouTube channel beginning Friday, February 19. The presentation will feature the watercolor portrayal of the 14 stations by popular 19th century French painter James Tissot, one of Bishop O'Connell's favorite artists. After experiencing a spiritual vision while visiting the Church of St. Sulpice in Paris, Tissot dedicated his artistry to portraying the life of Christ in 350 watercolors based upon the Gospels – 14 of which depict the Stations of the Cross. The entire collection was purchased by and remains on display with the Brooklyn Museum of Art.



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Weekly Collection

Sunday, March 21, 2021 WRAP YOUR GIFT . . . USE YOUR ENVELOPES

Offerings for the Church of Saint Ann

Number of Registered Households Number of People Using Faith Direct

March 21, 2021

Church of Saint Ann Saint Michael Church *Electronic Funds

Total Contributions
*Note: electronic contributions are received twice a month.

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Month to Date Collections for March 2021
(4 Sundays in the month)

Total Collections for March 2020 (5 Sundays in the month)

3,150 229

\$5,847.20 654.00 *0,000.00

\$6,501.20

\$36,635.49

\$53.900.40



Thank You for your continued generosity!

During this unusual time with Masses suspended, to those who are able, we beg that you continue to generously support your parish church financially by mailing in your weekly envelopes, dropping them off at the mailbox in front of the FDC entrance or by donating online at: (https://membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/NJ709). We rely on your donations to provide uninterrupted parish functions to our parishioners. We cannot do it without your help.

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Parish Mission Statement

The Church of Saint Ann in Lawrenceville is a Roman Catholic family of faith, built on the inspiration of past generations, to serve the community by loving God and our neighbor.

We strengthen faith,
celebrate the sacraments,
provide for the spiritual and
corporal works of mercy,
educate across the lifespan,
heal the spiritually broken,
and respect the dignity of human life.

We live the Gospel and seek Christ in all people.



USHERS and SANITIZING CREW NEEDED

We still need ushers and sanitizing crew at all weekend Masses (4PM, 9am, 10:30am and 12pm) to guide parishioners to their assigned seats and to sanitize the church after all Masses. If you are interested, please approach an usher at Mass.

Thank you!

Coronavirus Prayer

Let us pray....

Lord Jesus, at your command, the sick were made well! Come to our aid now, in the midst of the Global spread of the Corona Virus, that we may experience your healing love.

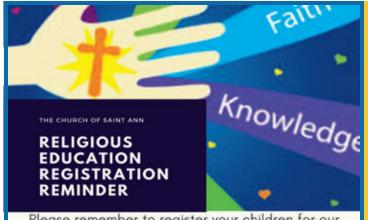
Heal those who are sick with the Virus. May they regain their strength. Heal us from our fear, which prevents us from working together and with one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty, sorrow and fear. Be with those who died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry or grieve, defend them from illness and despair.

Be with the medical professionals who seek to heal and put themselves at risk in the process. Be with the leaders of all nations, give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the wellbeing of everyone.

Lord, Stay with us as some of us mourn, as many of us try to endure, persist, struggle and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Lord Jesus Christ, Heal us and protect us. Amen



Please remember to register your children for our parish Religious Education Program (2020).
Please note that ALL those who are expecting/intending to receive the

Sacrament of First Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2021,

MUST be registered in our parish Religious Education Program! Registration forms and a registration letter are on the parish website under "Faith Formation".

If you have questions, contact us at religiouseducation@churchofsaintann.net



"OUT OF THE SHADOWS"

A Tenebrae Service with St. Ann's Music Ministry

Sunday, March 28 at 7:00 PM
A Virtual Event
Visit the Parish Website to register
www.churchofsaintann.org/lent

FIVE THINGS to REMEMBER

about In-Church Masses ...

- Dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation remains in effect for all Catholics of the Diocese.
- Diocesan Directives posted to Dioceseof Trenton.org/coronavirus remain in effect.
- Masks (properly worn) are required.
- Social distancing must be observed.
- Occupancy limits will be enforced.







Information published by the Diocese of Trenton

CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

During this time of Covid-19 and parish restrictions, we are providing a resource for families with children between the ages 4 and 8 years to assist families in celebrating the Sunday liturgy, Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW).

On the parish website, check under Faith Formation (do NOT click on CLOW yet), then click on Children's Education and scroll down on left side and click on "CLOW PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION" for a short prayer service (parent led) and an activity for your child. (Please see **next two pages** of this bulletin or click on the link below)

https://churchofsaintann.net/documents/2020/9/CLOW%20Twenty%20Seventh%20Sunday%20of%20the%20Year.pdf

Palm (Passion) Sunday (Years A, B and C)

Liturgy of the Palms

Focus

Branches or palms (real or made from paper) laid over a brightly coloured piece of cloth or garment.

Introduction

Jerusalem was bustling with crowds of people who were there to celebrate the Jewish feast of Passover, which celebrates the escape of the Israelite people from Egyptian slavery (Exodus 12:10-30). This special meal reminded people of how God had saved them and set them free. As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds waved branches from the palm trees growing along the roadside and threw them down on the ground as a welcoming carpet. As they greeted him in song, many believed that he was the king the Jewish people had been waiting for to conquer their Roman enemy and once again to set them free from oppression. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week as we recall Christ's triumphant procession into Jerusalem.

Gospel Acclamation

Light the Gospel candle and sing Acclamation 9

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of St Matthew (21:1-11) (See page 369.)

Reflection

When a king or someone very important visits somewhere, what is often rolled out to welcome them?
We roll out the red carpet for very special visitors.

What did the crowds outside Jerusalem 'carpet' the road with?

In their excitement and joy they waved palm branches like flags and threw down their cloaks and coats. They welcomed Jesus as though he was a king.

What did many people expect this king to do?

They thought that the saviour promised by God would defeat the Roman army by leading a war or uprising against it.

Why was Jesus not the kind of king many of the Jews expected?

Jesus rode into Jerusalem as a king of peace, on the back of a humble donkey. He was a king who preached peace and friendship to his enemies, and believed that evil could be conquered by love and forgiveness. He came as one of the people, with no army, no grandeur and no intention of fighting the Romans.

The people welcomed Jesus by singing psalms of praise from the Bible. What was the word they kept repeating, which we still use today?

'Hosanna' means 'please save' or 'save us, we pray', and the people used it as a shout of welcome. What was the mood of the crowd that day?

They were overjoyed and filled with excitement and expectation. They were waiting and hoping that something dramatic was about to happen.

Did everyone give Jesus such a warm welcome?
Jesus had made many enemies among the Jewish leaders.
His words and actions had upset them on many different occasions, and they were already plotting and planning how to get rid of him.

Activity

Photocopy and cut out the templates. Decorate these brightly and glue or tape them onto drinking straws or small wooden sticks (the type used for kebabs, with the sharp ends removed) to create colourful flags to welcome Jesus. (Or you could create bunting by using string instead of sticks.)

Intercessions

As brothers and sisters in one loving family, together let us pray to our loving Father:

That the Church and all her people will welcome Christ into their daily lives.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

That refugees from hunger and war will be warmly welcomed by other countries and nations.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

That all who have died will be welcomed into the kingdom of heaven.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

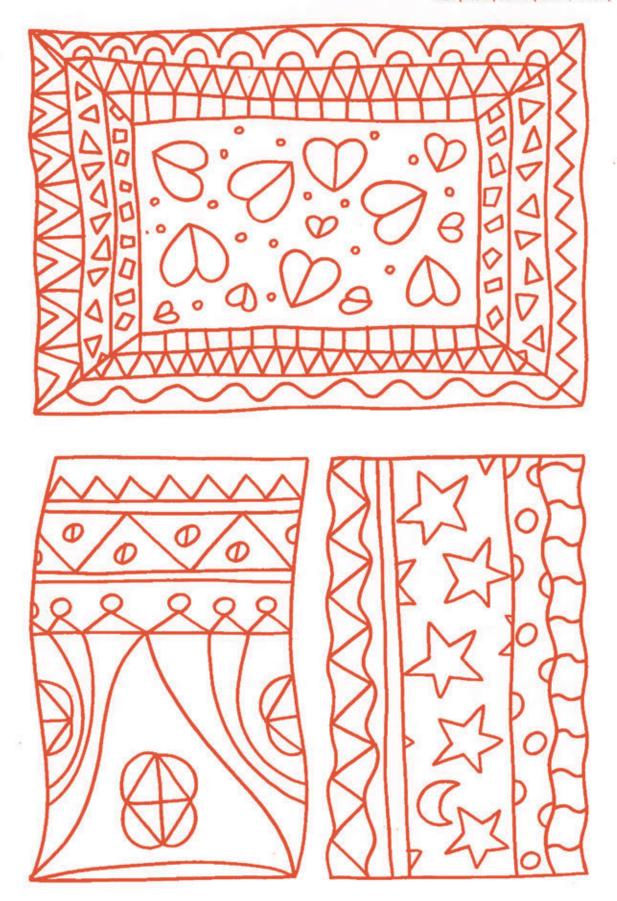
That our homes, schools, and parishes will be places where others are always made to feel welcome.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Knowing that our heavenly Father is listening, in the silence of our hearts let us share our own unspoken prayers with him.

Silence

Loving Father, warm our hearts with your love so that you always find a welcome in our lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.



Catholic Liturgy & Our Participation in the Paschal Mystery



This weekend is the <u>seventh</u> of seven bulletin inserts (please see next page) to guide our understanding and deepen our participation of our Catholic Liturgy and ways we can apply the Liturgy to our daily lives. The guides are adapted from the "Four Minute Teachings on the Mass" by Bishop Ken Untener, late Bishop of Saginaw.

Contents: Please check bulletin issues: Introduction and Overview of the Mass (February 14); Introductory Rite (February 21); Liturgy of the Word (February 28); Liturgy of the Eucharist Part I (March 7); Liturgy of the Eucharist Part II (March 14); Communion Rite (March 21); Concluding Rite (March 28)

"New Stimulus Package Approved by Congress"

Section 2204. Allowance of partial above the line deduction for charitable contributions. The provision encourages Americans to contribute to churches and charitable organizations in 2020 by permitting them to deduct up to \$300 of cash contributions, whether they itemize their deductions or not.

Section 2205. Modification of limitations on charitable contributions during 2020. The provision increases the limitations on deductions for charitable contributions by individuals who itemize, as well as corporations. For individuals, the 50 percent of adjusted gross income limitation is suspended for 2020. For corporations, the 10 percent limitation is increased to 25 percent of taxable income. This provision also increases the limitation on deductions for contributions of food inventory from 15 percent to 25 percent.

A young man was surprised to find his sick and elderly grandfather planting a small peach tree in his backyard. When the young man asked his grandfather why he was planting the tree, the old man replied, "Son, all my life I have eaten the fruit from trees that other people have planted. I figure I have an obligation to make sure there is some fruit around for others to enjoy."

Four Ways to Leave A Legacy

Did you know there are four easy ways for you to remember your parish in your will?

- 1. A Specific Bequest You can designate a certain amount of cash or specific assets to the parish.
- 2. A Residual Bequest You can plan for the parish to receive all or a portion of your estate after other specific bequests have been distributed.
- 3. A Percentage Bequest You can designate a certain percentage of the estate to go to the parish.
- 4. A Contingent Bequest You can make the parish the recipient of a bequest if others named in your will are not living at the time of your death.

No matter how you decide to remember your parish, a gift from your will accomplishes several key

- It sends a strong message to your heirs that the Church played an important role in your life.
- It guarantees that your generosity to the Church will be continued even after you are gone.
- It provides important assistance to our parish.

It may even provide tax benefits for your heirs. Talk to your lawyer or financial counselor today about the best way for you.

AN INVITATION TO ATTEND

Saint Ann's Living Word Scripture Study Group

St. Ann's Living Word Scripture Study Group meets weekly online on Wednesdays from 7 PM to 8:30 PM. If you are looking for a friendly, welcoming group of people with whom to learn more about our beloved scriptures, come join us. The facilitator of the Saint Ann's Living Word Scripture Study Group, Fred Vasapolli, has led the weekly scripture study sessions for the past 12 years and is passionate about scripture education. He holds master's degrees both in theology and in the coordination of religious education programming. Fred is also one of the facilitators of St. Ann's *Generations of Faith* family religious education program.

TOPICS FOR WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS: (virtual)

- I September and continuing through the first week of Advent, our sessions will focus on the Letters of St. Paul.
- II -- From the first week of Advent through the first week of the New Year, our focus will be on Advent and Scripture literature in both the Jewish and Christian scriptures.
- III In 2021, we will study the Gospel According to Mark.

To receive the "Google Meet Invite" and for more information, please contact Fred Vasapolli at 609-273-6647 or Peggy Sterns at 609-882-2649.



FOUR MINUTE TEACHINGS ON THE MASS (7 of 7)

Catholic Mass and Worship

Ideas from Bishop Ken Untener, late Bishop of Saginaw Adapted for The Church of Saint Ann

The Concluding Rite

he fourth "movement" of the Mass is the shortest of all—the Concluding Rite. It is a movement outward, away from the church building and into the space where we live our lives.

When a movie ends, the people simply get up and walk out of the theater. But the Mass is a communal ritual, and needs to be rounded off communally and ritually. That is the purpose of the Concluding Rite.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says, "If there are any brief announcements, they may be made at this time." We who gather at the altar have common bonds and therefore common interests. Things of import and interest to the community can be handled at this time.

Some of us grew up with the custom of having the "announcements" made just after the Gospel and before the homily. That, however, interrupted the flow of God's Word, and the announcements have been placed at their more traditional time.

Following this is a blessing over the entire assembly. We have been specially blessed by God in the Liturgy, and this is expressed again as we leave.

We are then sent forth with a purpose, with one of three provided ritual sendings:

Go in the peace of Christ.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
The Mass is ended, go in peace.

It is because of this ritual sending that, dating back to the fourth century, the entire celebration of Jesus' dying and rising was called the "Mass." When it was celebrated in Latin, the priest said, "Ite missa est." The Latin word "missa" means being "sent, or missioned." Literally, the dismissal phrase meant, "Go, it is the sending," and the whole celebration became characterized by that word.

The Eucharist is not something we celebrate once, and then are finished. We do it over and over and over again. It is never the same, because it is always "live," and also because we are never the same.

It was the Lord who said, "Do this in memory of me." We need a healthy sense of "obligation." It simply means "getting it right," doing what we really should do as Catholics. A person really "should" visit their sick mother. The fact that it is an obligation—doesn't make it impersonal, a matter of going through the motions. The son or daughter does it with much love. And the recognition that it is the right thing to do helps them do it.

A healthy sense of obligation can nudge us to do something. There is a family re-union but it comes at a very busy time of year. The family wouldn't write us off if we didn't go, but it's something we really should do, and for good reasons. So, we go and afterward we're glad we did. It was the sense that it was the right thing to do that made the difference.

Participating in the Eucharist on Sunday is not a decision we should have to make from ground zero every week. We need to recognize that this is where we belong, that it is of immense benefit to us and the parish community, and make a definite decision once and for all.

If you are faithful in participating in the Eucharist each Sunday good for you. Perhaps you can help someone else do the same. Sometimes it takes only a nudge.

If you don't regularly participate in Sunday Eucharist, give it some serious thought. It is the Lord Jesus who invites you to do this. And an invitation from the Lord is one we don't want to miss.

Applying the Concluding Rite to Daily Living:

- Live out your personal vocation (the life God has called you to) with joy and courage.
- Bring the good news of Jesus into every aspect of your life: home, work, play, family, neighborhood, community realizing that you are sent by God.
- Be sure to see the spiritual aspect of life, get engaged in the spiritual journey and a regular time of prayer.
- Make Sunday Mass and worship a regular part of your week. Go as often as you are able (virtually or in-person).



Students are learning to embroider in a socially distanced environment. Embroidery allows students to express themselves in their designs, teaches the importance of patience, game planning a design, hand-eye coordination. It is also good for student mental health as it is often introspective and soothing. Embroidery provides an artistic and creative outlet, especially important during the pandemic.

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- 4. Embroidery Skeins/Thread/Floss: can be any brand-
- 5. Water Soluble pens/Tailors pencils
- 6. Fabric Glue-
- 7. Old light tablets w/charger

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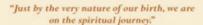
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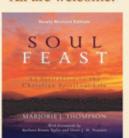
-Fr. Thomas Keating, O.C.S.O

Please register by emailing the program leader Gary Maccaroni at gmace@churchofsaintann.net. Upon completion of the program, you will receive a certificate of participation.





All are welcome!



OPEN SCHOOL BOARD POSITIONS!

Saint Ann School is currently looking to fill open school board positions. The school board creates and reviews the implementation of a strategic plan, each member is assigned a subcommittee based on their qualifications. Attendance at monthly meetings typically held the last Thursday evening of each month, is required.

Current Sub-Committee Open Positions:

- 1. Building and GroundsFunctions include:
- Review facility and create needs assessment, with cost analysis, in conjunction with school Principal and Pastor
- 3. Plan and review long-term capital plan annually
- Assess facility requirements to ensure the safety of students and faculty and the time frame for implementation.

SecurityFunctions include:

- Review security needs of a school in conjunction with the school Principal and Pastor
- Collaborate with local and state law enforcement agencies to review and revise the school security plan
 Determine a needs assessment and cost
- Determine a needs assessment and cost alignmentOther School Board subcommittees include strategic planning, marketing, and technology.

If you believe you have the background and qualifications for a position on the school board kindly forward your resume to Salvatore Chiaravalloti (schiaravalloti@st-ann-school.org), Principal, and Fr. Leandro Dela Cruz (Idelacruz@churchofsaintann.net), Pastor. If you have any questions about the role of the Saint Ann School Board please reach out to the school Principal.



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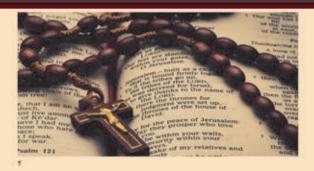


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The following are the recipients of the 2021-2022 Saint Ann Education Endowment Fund Scholarship. This is a merit-based scholarship based on academic performance at St Ann School and community service:

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 Jillian Yao
 \$1,000

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 *Caleb Rowlands
 \$500

 *Jessiah Stephenson
 \$500

Current 6th Grade (2021-2022 7th Grade)

Neve Sirois \$1000

Current 5th Grade (2021-2022 6th Grade)

Jozie Voorhees \$1000 Courtney Hall \$1000

*There was only one application for 7th Grade. The EEF Committee voted to award \$500 to the next two highest scoring applicants, Caleb Rowlands and Jessiah Stephenson.

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Catholic Principles of Migration

Immigration remains a critical issue in the United States. Aware of the high polarization around the immigration debate, it is good for us as Catholics to stay educated and in focus on this issue. As a reminder, we list below, the Catholic Principles of Migration, rooted in the Gospel, and found scripted in the pastoral letter concerning migration from the Catholic Bishops of Mexico and the United States: *Strangers No Longer; Together on the Journey of Hope.*

- Persons have the right to find opportunities in their homeland.
- Persons have the right to migrate to support themselves in their families.
- Sovereign nations have the right to control their borders.
- Refugees and asylum seekers should be afforded protection.
- The human dignity and human right of undocumented migrants should be respected.

Below also is listed an article of interest reminding us that we are called to live in communion. There is no Us and Them, but one family of God.

Please view the following link for additional information:

https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2020/06/asylum-at-the-border-is-effectively-over-el-paso-bishop-says/

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2021 Mass Book is OPEN . . . to receive intentions for Masses and Candles. The scheduling

form is on our parish website at www.churchofsaintann.net.

Please print and complete the form and return to the parish office with your payment.

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) RCIA is the process by which adults become full, active, participating members of the Catholic Church. This includes receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for information or email Deacon Frank at mail.deaconfrank.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM Our Parish Religious Education Program meets during the school year for Children K-8: Sundays 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM or Mondays 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM. Family Generations of Faith meets once a month. Sacrament Preparation for First Holy Communion is 2nd Grade and for Confirmation it is for 7th and 8th Grades. Please email with any questions to **religiouseducation@churchofsaintann.net**.

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<u>PARISH BULLETIN</u> Information for the bulletin needs to be received at the Parish Office by 3:00 PM on Friday of the preceding week. E-mailing items for consideration to maryann@churchofsaintann.net is preferred. *Thank you!*

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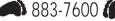
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