

August 2, 2020 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to ...



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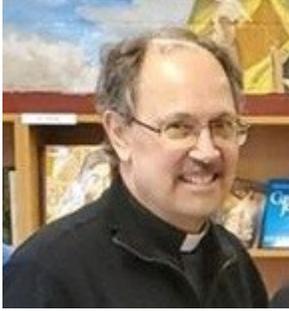
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A Perspective from Father Michael Maranowski

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

(While Father Rushofsky is away, Father Maranowski, our Senior Parochial Vicar, offers the following pastoral perspective.)



Back in the 1990's, I had the opportunity to be a pilgrim to the Holy Land. One of the stops our group made was to Mount Carmel. We were blessed to celebrate Mass in the area where the prophet Elijah once was. In the 12th century, a group of hermits came to live near the well of the prophet Elijah. They built a chapel in honor of the Mother of God and consecrated themselves to God as the "Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel." Now, our parish is named after Our Lady of Mount Carmel. We

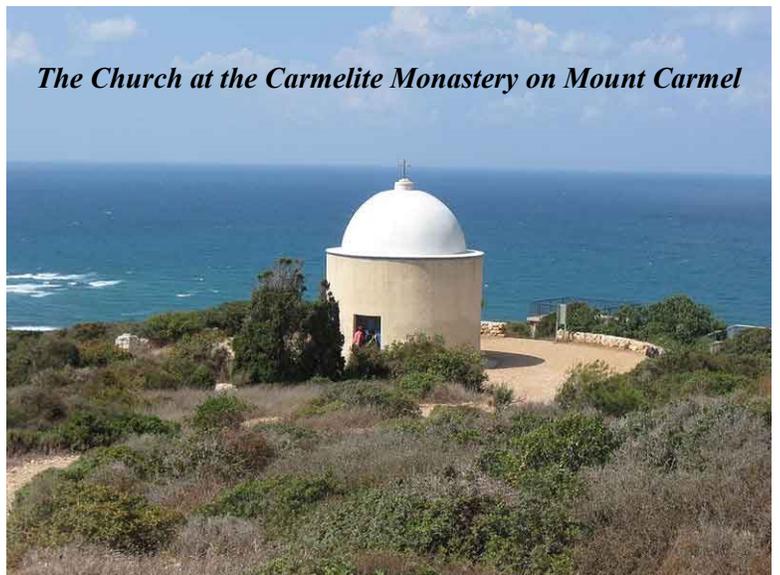
look to our Blessed Mother as a loving mother and protector as we join our different communities to be one parish.

It was a wonderful day as we celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Thursday, July 16 as a new parish. I was blessed to participate in three of the four events (two Masses, Eucharistic adoration and the rosary) we had as a parish. It was great to witness the number of people who attended our events. It was truly a blessed day.

One of the most enduring and popular of traditions associated with the Carmelites concerns Mary's promise to an early Carmelite, Saint Simon Stock, that anyone who remains faithful to the Carmelite vocation until death will be granted the grace of final perseverance. The Carmelite Order wanted to share this with those who are devoted to the Mother of God by extending its habit in the form of the brown scapular to the larger Church. The Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel echoes the promise of Divine Revelation: *The one who holds out to the end is the one who will see salvation* (Matthew 24:13).

With the pandemic that we are experiencing, we are reminded to be safe. Face coverage with a mask is a means of protection from the virus. Social distance is also a help for our safety. Of course, we would like eternal protection. The scapular is an outward sign of the saving grace which Christ gained upon the cross for all and of the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our sister, mother and queen.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is a daughter of God and therefore can help us to be authentic daughters and sons of God. Our Blessed Mother also can help us grow in appreciation of being sisters and brothers to one another. She leads us to a new realization that all human beings belong to the family of God. When such a faith grows, there is hope that the human race can find its way to peace.



The Church at the Carmelite Monastery on Mount Carmel

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Interim Mass Schedule due to Covid-19 Restrictions

Monday thru Friday	12:00 noon at Saint Sebastian
Saturday (beginning June 13) <i>Registration required</i> <i>www.neighorsnorth.org or 412.219.9254</i>	4:00 pm at Saint Athanasius 4:00 pm at Saint Sebastian 4:00 pm at Saint Teresa of Avila
Sunday (beginning June 14) <i>Registration required</i> <i>www.neighorsnorth.org or 412.219.9254</i>	10:00 am at Saint Sebastian 10:30 am at Saint Athanasius 11:00 am at Saint Teresa of Avila

Registering for Weekend Masses

The quickest and easiest way to register to attend one of the parish's six weekend Masses is online at our new website: <https://mountcarmelpgh.org/>. You can now register for every week in the month.

For those who are unable to register online, call (412) 219-9254. Please leave:

1. Your Full Name;
2. Your Phone Number;
3. The Date, Church, and Time of the Mass; and
4. The Number of People Attending with you.

Someone will only return your call if that Mass is full. Please show up a half hour early for Mass with a mask and do not come if you are sick. Thank you and God bless.

Visit us on Facebook: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Pittsburgh

Voluntary Self Quarantine

Recently, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania issued the following recommendation: *If you have traveled, or plan to travel, to an area where there are high amounts of COVID-19 cases (see list below), it is recommended that you stay at home for 14 days upon return to Pennsylvania.*

Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, or Wyoming.

For the safety of others, please consider such a voluntary 14-day "self-quarantine" from attending Mass if you have traveled to any of these states.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Tuesday, August 4th is the Memorial of St. John Vianney, Patron of Priests
Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God,
thank You for the priests You have given to Your Church,
most especially for the priests given to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.
We pray that many more will answer the call to priesthood
in particular from among the families of our own parish.
Grant, we beseech You,
that our priests may be granted the strength of body, mind and spirit
to be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd.
May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer and penance;
be examples of humility and poverty;
shining models of holiness;
tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God;
zealous dispensers of your grace in the sacraments.
May their loving devotion to Your Son Jesus in the Eucharist
and to Mary his Mother
be the twin fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry.
Amen.

	Date of Ordination	Anniversary
Father Leroy DiPietro	May 16, 1970	50
Father John Rushofsky	September 29, 1979	41
Father Michael Maranowski	May 23, 1987	33
Father Vincent Kolo	June 24, 1995	25
Father Innocent Onuh	July 21, 2001	19
Father William Dorner	June 30, 2007	13
Father Michael Zavage	June 27, 2009	11



Beginning with the Bulletin of July 5th, the Staff Directory has featured what we had hoped would be the new email address of all staff, namely, @MountCarmelPgh.org. Unfortunately, this transition has been fraught with technical difficulties. We apologize to anyone who tried to use the new email address and received an “Undeliverable” message back. This week’s Staff Directory restores the former but functional emails for staff. We continue to resolve the issues we have encountered in July and

will alert parishioners as soon as the new system is up and running successfully. In the meantime, we apologize and appreciate your patience and understanding as part of growing pains of becoming a new, unified parish.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Prime Garden Area at St. Teresa Needs Adopted

The parish needs a gardener or two to take over the area outside the St. Teresa of Avila convent. This is a high traffic area and when the new parish offices open, it will be the #1 spot that visitors will see. The area is flat and has water readily accessible. It is in sun most of the day. Qualified gardeners can come at their own schedule, day, or evening. Please call Dianne at 412-366-7869 or email her at diannem15237@aol.com for more information. Thank you. It takes many hands to keep our gardens beautiful.



Rite of Reconciliation of Individual Penitents

Beginning July 18th, the Sacrament of Penance will be celebrated at Saint Athanasius church from **11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon** with two confessors.

It's Census Time.

Have You Responded Yet?

It's easy, safe, and important.

Census data informs federal funding for more than 100 programs impacting your community, including school lunches, hospitals, and fire departments.

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The Word for the 18th Sunday

First Reading: *Isaiah 55:1-3*

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy and eat; come, buy wine and milk without money, free!

Second Reading: *Romans 8:35, 37-39*

Can anything cut us off from the love of Christ -- can hardships or distress, or persecution, or lack of food and clothing, or threats or violence?

Gospel: *Matthew 14:13-21*

He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples, who gave them to the crowds. is followers.



Liturgy & Music Ministry

Hymnal for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2 August 2020



Ted Rybka

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Gathering Hymn: Table of Plenty

REFRAIN: Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

1. O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love. (Refrain)
2. O come and eat without money; come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life. (Refrain)

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Responsorial Psalm: I Will Praise Your Name

REFRAIN: I will praise your name, my King and my God.
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1. I will give you glory, my God above, and I will bless your name forever.
Ev'ry day I will bless and praise you name forever. (Refrain)
2. The Lord is full of grace and mercy, who is kind and slow to anger.
God is good in ev'ry way, and full of compassion. (Refrain)
3. Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord, and let all the faithful bless you.
Let them speak of your might, O Lord, the glory of your kingdom. (Refrain)

Text: Psalm 145: 1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13b-14; David Haas; Music: David Haas; © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Prayer

Lord, be with us,
So that we might not look forward in fear to the changes in life.
We are your very own.
We believe that you will lead us safely through all things,
And when we cannot stand it,
You will carry us in your arms.
May we not fear what will happen tomorrow.
You are our everlasting Father who cares for us today.
We believe that you will care for us every day.
Lord, either shield us from suffering,
Or give us the unfailing strength to bear it.
May we be at peace and so put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

United with the prayers and example of Our Lady of Mount Carmel,
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Preparation of the Altar: Risen Lord, We Gather Round You

1. Sisters, brothers, stand beside us, called from ev'ry land and race.
One the Bread of Life that feeds us, one the Cup of brimming grace.
Form us, Lord, a single body, free from enmity and strife.
Jesus, by your resurrection, Fill us with the Spirit's life.
2. By the Loaf and Cup you offer, strengthen us to follow you.
By your Body, risen, given, heal us, Christ, and make us new.
Help us hear your urgent summons, cutting through our fear of loss:
"Go, my people! Be my servants! Bear with me the waiting cross!"
3. "Go where lives are bruised and broken; Go where children waste and blight.
Go among the lost, forgotten; Be for them my healing Light.
Take the Bread of Life I give you; share it with a world in pain.
Go, my people! I am with you! Till on earth my love shall reign!"

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr. 1923-2007, alt. Tune: GREENSBURG, 8 7 8 7 D; Bob Moore, b. 1962; © 2002, GIA Publications, Inc.

Distribution of Holy Communion: To Be Your Bread

REFRAIN: To be your bread now, be your wine now, Lord, come and change us to be a sign
of your love. Blest and broken, poured and flowing, gift that you gave us, to
be your body once again.

1. We come to your table with our lives as they are.
Heal us, Lord for we are broken; make us one again. (Refrain)
2. Lord, we stumble through the darkness of night.
Lead us now, O Lord, we follow; bring us home to you. (Refrain)
3. Give us the bread and wine that bring us to life.
Feed us, and we'll never hunger, never thirst again. (Refrain)

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Sending Forth: O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. O God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.
2. A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
3. O God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come,
Be thou our Guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Text : CM; based on Psalm 90: 1-5; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Music: William Croft, 1678-1727.





Sunday Intentions



Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Monday August 3 <i>Weekday</i>	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Rita Schratz †	Janet Closs
Tuesday August 4 <i>St. John Vianney, Priest</i>	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Frank Bulik †	William Pollak
Wednesday August 5 <i>Weekday/The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major</i>	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Paul Klein †	Family
Thursday August 6 <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Bill Mergenthaler †	Ed & Pat Cygnarowicz
Friday August 7 <i>Weekday/St. Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest</i>	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Domenic Riccardi †	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Balestreire
Saturday August 8 <i>St Dominic, Priest</i>	11 AM	St. Athanasius	Confessions	
	4 PM Vigil Mass	St. Athanasius	Ruth Rump †	Mikec Family
	4 PM Vigil Mass	St. Sebastian	For the People of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish	
	4 PM Vigil Mass	St. Teresa of Avila	Ken, Joan & Philip Bancroft †	Family
Sunday August 9 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10 AM	St. Sebastian	George & Vera Banner †	Winnie Banner
	10:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Carol Giger †	Charles Giger & Family
	11 AM	St. Teresa of Avila	Sally Mrozowski †	Dolores Cook



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Scheduling a Marriage, call 724-880-3486
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Sponsor letter or baptismal certificate, call 412.364.8999, x8410

For a complete list of staff members, go to <https://neighborsnorth.org/staff-1>



MaryJo Robbins

Parish Social Ministry



It's Census Time

Have you responded yet? It's easy, safe and important. Census data informs federal funding for more than 100 programs effecting your community, including school lunches, hospitals, and fire departments. The deadline to reply has been extended through October. Respond today either online, by phone or by mail. Visit 2020census.gov or call 1-844-330-2020.

Food Pantry Needs: Juice, peaches, pears, Uncle Ben's rice, Rice a Roni, hamburger helper, jar pasta sauce, beef stew, boxed potatoes, egg noodles, brownie mix, jello, condiments, jelly, cereal, paper towels and detergent. We have set out a food collection bin outside of Haber Hall at the St. Sebastian site. You can also drop off donations in the narthex at St. Athanasius Church when it is open, or leave in the bin outside of Athanasian Hall. Thank You!

Just a Reminder: Privacy laws prohibit the sharing of information between hospitals, nursing homes, rehab centers, and the church. We cannot call a personal care home and ask for a list of Our Lady of Mount Carmel parishioners—they, by law, cannot give us that information. Sr. Pat Mahoney, Associate Social Minister, maintains information about our homebound, and parishioners in nursing and personal care homes. Visits are not permitted during the pandemic, but we are continuing outreach through calls and cards. Should you have updated information to share, please contact Sr. Pat at 412-364-8999 ext 8624 or email pmahoney@saintsebastianparish.org.

Back to School Sharing Projects: North Hills Community Outreach is collecting school supplies to distribute to local children, preschool through high school. Through August 7 you can donate the following at the NHCO main office on Ferguson Rd., Monday –Friday, 9am-4pm. You can find more information on their website nhco.org.

Items needed: backpacks, notebooks, binders, 24 pack crayons, loose-leaf paper, pocket folders, pencils/pens, mechanical pencils, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, highlighters, markers, glue sticks, rulers, scissors, erasers, calculators (gently used is ok). Gift cards are always accepted. Thank you.

We Are Here For You: Our Society of St. Vincent de Paul assists those in our community with financial needs and our food pantry. During this challenging time of coronavirus, many have been laid off and are still waiting to receive unemployment. Recent legislation should protect the unemployed from eviction or from having utilities shut off. Should you find yourself in need, please contact the Social Ministry office at 412-364-8999, ext 8637. All calls are confidential.

Seminarian Matthew Selzer part 5 of 5

Welcome to our final installment! I hope you have learned as much as I have through these pieces! As a culmination, we will discuss Mary's role as patroness of the Carmelites and of our parish. (The brown scapular will also make a long-awaited debut!)

We have learned so much about Mount Carmel, the Carmelites, famous Carmelite saints, and Carmelite spirituality, but doesn't it feel like something is missing? Yes, we have to take a moment to discuss the "Our Lady" part of our name!

What, exactly, does it mean for Mary to be our "patroness"? A patroness (or patron) is a guardian, protector, or supporter. As a loose analogy, consider professional sports complexes.

Companies (like PPG Industries, H. J. Heinz, and PNC Financial Services) provide financial and administrative support to stadiums. When people visit the park, the name reminds them of the company. Similarly, Mary is providing spiritual support and protection to our parish. The name serves as a constant reminder of her protective and supportive role.



PNC Park, home of the Pittsburgh Pirates, reminds guests of the company and (even includes a full-service PNC branch).

The Carmelites have also secured Mary's intercession and patronage. While we have not explicitly mentioned her in our discussions, she has supported the Carmelites since their inception. (Their full name is the Order of the Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel.)

Scholarly investigation into the validity of the story continues, but in 1251, Mary allegedly appeared to Saint Simon Stock and presented him with the brown scapular. It has since become a popular devotional garment for Catholics around the world.



This smaller, simpler version of the brown scapular symbolizes the same promises as the Carmelite habit. It allows laypeople to follow Mary's example of contemplation and virtuous, prayerful union with Jesus Christ.

Carmelite scholar Fr. Kieran Kavanaugh offers a summary of the Catholic Church's stance...

"1. The scapular is a Marian habit or garment. It is both a sign and pledge. A sign of belonging to Mary; a pledge of her motherly protection, not only in this life but after death.

2. As a sign, it is a conventional sign signifying three elements strictly joined: first, belonging to a religious family particularly devoted to Mary, especially dear to Mary, the Carmelite Order; second, consecration to Mary, devotion to and trust in her Immaculate Heart; third an incitement to become like Mary by imitating her virtues, above all her humility, chastity, and spirit of prayer."

August 2, 2020



Victor Boerio

Those of us of a more mature age could answer the following catechism question with ease, “Where is God?” The answer is simple, “God is everywhere.” If memory serves me correctly, this question appears within the first five or six questions in the old catechism. The answer to this question really suggests a heightened spiritual life when we trust that we are constantly in the presence of God.

We cannot not be in the presence of God.

Where would we go? We cannot hide from God or even try to get away from God. One contemporary theologian states, “Either God is in everything, or God is in nothing.”

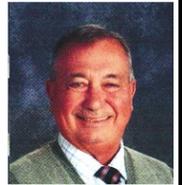
The multiplication of the loaves and fishes appears in all the gospels. In John’s account that miracle story is accompanied by a lengthy and beautiful narrative. God wants to share his life with us. The disciples began dismissing the crowd but Jesus was not finished caring for them. His generosity and graciousness far surpass anything we can imagine, and he freely gives himself to anyone who comes to him.

This abbondanza* God’s invites us to is ours for the asking. Re-read the First Reading from Isaiah. When we come humbly to the Lord’s table today to receive the bread of life, ask Jesus for everting he wants to give us. God’s provision for us is boundless and immeasurable. It is our job to clear the way and rid ourselves of any blockings such as grudges, anger, bitterness. God lovingly welcomes all to enter the life of Father, Son and Spirit.



*abbondanza—richness, abundance

God answers all our needs.



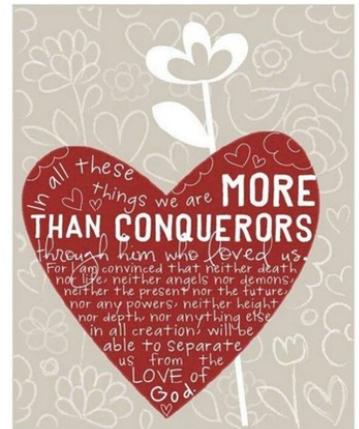
Deacon Robert Koslosky

Breaking Open the Word: Romans 8:35, 37-39

What can separate you from the love of Christ? Chapter 8 of the Letter to the Romans comes to a conclusion with a poetic declaration of God’s great love. Saint Paul stresses that there is nothing in or out of the world that can separate us from the love of Christ. The power of God’s love is greater than anything else that exists.

Listen to the Word:

What thought or phrase caught your attention as you read or listened to this reading? What touched you in these words?



Look into Your Life:

Children: Can you think of ways that Jesus shows he loves you?

Youth: Jesus was very attentive to his followers and disciples. He cared for them and for their needs. What are your needs? How can Jesus help you?

Adults: In your experience, what “false obstacles” have you or people you know experienced, separating you/them from Christ?

Make It - Incarnational: Choose one of the following activities as a way to further reflect on the Sunday Scripture Readings: Jesus told his disciples to feed those in need. Reflect on how Jesus can feed others through your family. Plan to make a food contribution to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Food Pantry. Check the bulletin to see what’s needed... How does your family practice hospitality? Discuss ways that your family can welcome others in need... Now is the time to clean out your closets. Most families have an abundance of clothing that is packed in closets and dresser drawers. Have each family member stack that clothing in a box and drop it off at a Saint Vincent de Paul deposit bin.



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HCA BEEF RAFFLE!

Raffle Tickets are \$10 each
and every ticket has
four chances to win!

Winning number will be taken from
the 7:00 pm PA Pick 4 Lottery on:
Monday, September 7, 2020

Winner will receive:

One side of ALL NATURAL BEEF*
*(average of 350 pounds of meat,
cut and wrapped to winner's
specifications)*

AND

A \$300 gift card to Home Depot
*to be put towards
a deep freezer or grill!*

*Winner will receive beef approximately four
weeks after selecting their cuts. As an
alternative, Tom Friday's Market will offer
a credit at the store that can be used
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Meat provided by:
Tom Friday's Market
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**Each family will receive
15 tickets to sell.***

Turn in stubs and \$150 to school
by August 17th

All unsold tickets are property of Holy
Cross Academy and must be
returned by August 17th. Each ticket
number will be tracked and any ticket
not returned will be charged to the
issued family.

Need some MOO-tivation?

For every 15 tickets sold per family
(stubs and money must be turned
in) the family will receive 1 entry
into a drawing to win:

an iPad!!!

The students of the TOP 3 family
sellers will have a pizza lunch with
Mrs. O!

**LET'S "MEAT" OUR GOAL!
EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS.
HELP MAKE THIS A SUCCESS!**

*Need more tickets? Email
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