

The Roman Catholic Community of Saint Joseph

16 East Somerset Street, Raritan, NJ 08869

We, the Catholic Community of St. Joseph, are committed to follow Jesus Christ. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to be good stewards in our lives.

We pray for peace, forgiveness, and for one another as Christ loves us!

Baptisms

Baptisms are usually held on Saturday mornings any time throughout the year (**with the exception of the Lenten Season**). Parents must be registered parishioners and complete a Baptismal Preparation class. It is required that godparents are no less than 16 years of age and have completed the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. If the godparents are a married couple, they need to have been married by the Catholic Church. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the class and the date of Baptism.

Sponsor Certificates

Sponsors (Godparents) for Baptism and Confirmation are required to verify their eligibility. They must be fully initiated Catholic who actively practice their faith and are in good standing with the Church. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you are considering becoming Catholic, or desire to complete your sacraments, please contact the Parish Office for more information about RCIA.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Please call the rectory and let us know when a member of your family is in the hospital so a priest can arrange to visit them. Make sure you contact the Pastoral Care Office in the hospital so the Chaplain can bring you communion daily. **In the event of an emergency please call 908 392-7962 anytime of the day or night.**

Marriages

Please call the office to meet with the Pastor as soon as you become engaged and before any preparations are made. Arrangements should be made one year in advance. Couples preparing for marriage must attend required Pre-Cana sessions within the Diocese along with F.O.C.C.U.S. and sessions with your Parish Priest or Deacon.



St. Joseph Church is under the Pastoral Care of the Priests and brothers of the Congregation of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri.

Very Rev. Jeffrey Calia, C.O.,Provost
Rev. Kevin P. Kelly, C.O.,Administrator
Nora MartinParish Office Manager
Anthony R. Nardino..... Director of Music & Liturgy
Ramon Salazar.....Multi-Parish Facilities Manager

The Lord's Day Mass Schedule

Saturday..... **St. Joseph 4 pm English**, Holy Trinity 5 pm
Sunday..... **St. Joseph 7:30 am Spanish**, St. Ann 7:30 am,
St. Joseph 9 am English, St. Ann 10:30 am,
Holy Trinity 10:30 am, Shrine of the Blessed
Sacrament 10:30 am (Latin EF)
St. Joseph 12:00 pm Spanish, St. Ann 12:00 pm,
St. Ann 5 pm

Holy Days

7:00 pm Vigil Mass—St. Joseph (English)
8am: St Ann, 12:15pm: Shrine Chapel, Holy Trinity
7:00 pm : St. Ann, Shrine Chapel (Latin EF), 7:30 pm St. Joseph (Spa.)

Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday..... 8 am St. Ann, 12:15 pm Shrine (E)
Friday 7 pm Holy Trinity (E)
Saturday..... 9 am St. Ann (E)
First Saturdays..... 9 am Shrine (Latin)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday..... St. Ann after the 9 am Mass
St. Joseph 3:00 –3:30 pm
Wednesday..... Holy Trinity 11 am –12 pm
Friday..... Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament 11 am –12 pm
or by appointment

Parish Office

Open Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
908 725-0163 • parishoffice@sjraritan.org • www.sjraritan.org
Fr. Kevin Email..... padrekevin2024@gmail.com

The Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 25, 2025



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

INTENCIONES DE LA SANTA MISA

Sunday, May 25, Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 am* Pro-populo (for the people)

Priest remembered today: Rev. Peter Tran

9 am Marcelle Reed R/o Michael R. Prokop

Priest remembered today: Rev. James Tucker

12 pm * +Jorge Castro Ugalde

Priest remembered today: Rev. A. Gregory Uhrig

Monday, May 26 The Feast of St. Philip Neri (Memorial Day)

7 pm The Raritan Oratory

(The office and church will be closed)

Saturday, May 31, 2025

4:00 pm +Vincent Perna R/o Roderick & Pat McNealy

Priest remembered today: Rev. Philip Vadakkekara

Sunday, June 1, Seventh Sunday of Easter, The Ascension of the Lord

7:30 am* Pro-populo (for the people)

Priest remembered today: Rev. Msgr. Randall Vashon

9 am +Susan Passarella R/o Michael Prokop

Priest remembered today: Rev. Michael Venditti

12 pm * +Obispo Gerald T Walsh

Priest remembered today: Rev. Stanley Walega

* En Español, in Spanish

SUNDAY MASS READING 5/25

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men informed the Gentiles that they must be circumcised if they wished to be saved, because of the Old Laws. Disciples then went forth to tell the Gentiles to honor only those rules which were strictly necessary, such as abstaining from eating meat sacrificed to idols and illicit sexual union.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John depicts Jerusalem coming out of heaven, sparkling with the radiance of precious jewels. Angels were stationed at each of its twelve gates, and each gate bore the name of one tribe of Israel. The city had no temple, because God was its temple. The glory and light of God and the Lamb also replaced their need for the sun.

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus tells his disciples, "Anyone who loves me will be true to my word." For those who do honor his word, both Jesus and God will love them and stay with them always. He also tells them that God will send the Holy Spirit in his place to give them the instructions they will need. Jesus then tells them that peace is his farewell gift to them..

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

LECTURAS PARA LA STA. MISA ESTA SEMANA

Monday

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28,
10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Friday

Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56



CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary: Intentions of
Micheline Viscido

Blessed Virgin Mary +Dorothy Conger
R/o Roderick & Pat McNealy

St. Joseph: The Karchun & Gall Families
R/o Camille Krachun

The Paschal Candle:
In Memory of The Krachun & Fattori
Families R/o Their loved ones

Pray for the Sick

Michael Galida	no
George Riehman, Jr.	Arthur & Maryann
Jennifer Rose	Gosenski
Robert Valance	Mary Grande
Thomas McGrath	Donna Kelly
Irene Sixt	Roseanne Kiehar
Annmarie Bizub	Jerry Kovac
Joseph Carter	Antonia LaCorte
Jane Chiesa	Ralph Lombardi
Joan Chopay	Steve & Geri Max
Elizabeth Anne Dwyer	Jack McElhinney
Randy Fisher	Allsya Miller
Tony & Sandy Franchi-	Francis M. Mishak, Sr.

MAY IS DEDICATED TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Sunday's Gospel Reflection

written by an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales

Today's first reading recounts for us the first great debate in the Church.

After listening to all the parties and praying, the apostles and elders respond: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us ..." The Apostles depended on the Holy Spirit they had received from Jesus. The Holy Spirit sent by the Father in Jesus' name will teach them everything and remind them of all that Jesus had told them. The Spirit did just that.

Through the centuries, the Church has followed the same path with new debates: listening, praying, and responding with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Along with the gift of the Holy Spirit, Jesus gives us the gift of his peace – a peace that is more profound than any peace the world might offer. Jesus' peace brings us the assurance that nothing can separate us from his love. Jesus' peace strengthens our faith and trust that we will be victorious over trials and suffering as Jesus was. Jesus' peace enables us to live with optimism and grace.

Jesus tells us: "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." If we choose to abide in Jesus' peace and seek opportunities to share that peace with one another, we will have no reason to be troubled or afraid.

Every breath we take is a reminder of the Holy Spirit within us and the gift of Jesus' peace in our hearts. Let us breathe deeply today – and be at peace.

Oblates.org



THE RARITAN ORATORY OF ST. PHILIP NERI

INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE WITH US
THE FEAST OF ST. PHILIP NERI

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025

HOLY MASS AT 7:00 PM

FOLLOWED BY A
LIGHT RECEPTION
IN THE PARISH HALL

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WWW.RARITANORATORY.ORG



THE RARITAN ORATORY OF ST. PHILIP NERI PRESENTS

EASTER SEASON FORMATION SERIES: The Acts of the Apostles

Wednesday, May 14 &
Wednesday, May 28
7:00 pm

St. Joseph's Parish Hall
(Church Basement)
16 E. Somerset St. Raritan, NJ



Knight's Corner-Knights of Columbus #1432 E. Main St, Somerville, NJ

Come join the Somerville Knights of Columbus Council #1432 13th **Annual Charity Golf Outing** in support of **Raritan Pregnancy Aid Center** and **The Matheny School** held on **Monday, June 16 at the Heron Glen Golf Course in Ringoes**. The **cost** is \$175 per player and includes lunch, dinner, free beverages, contests and prizes. Registration via **www.heron Glen.com** or contact Roy Thoden at **908-448-7775**. Makes a GREAT Father's Day GIFT! You have attended others now attend the "BEST". Hope to see you there!

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: HEALING, HOPE, AND LOVE

Come to our Healing Weekend Retreat | June 27-29, 2025

The National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima,
Washington, NJ

To register, or for more information, please contact Leah at leah@soulfilledbygrace.co.site (609-709-3479) at or Ana at ana@soulfilledbygrace.co.site (908-319-2950).

Rachel's Vineyard is a sanctuary of hope and healing for those carrying the heavy burden of loss, whether through abortion or miscarriage. It is a place where hearts broken by pain can be mended, and where the mercy and love of God can soothe even the deepest wounds. Through our confidential and non-judgmental weekend retreats, you will find a safe space to grieve, to release the weight of guilt, shame, or anger, and to begin the journey toward renewal and peace.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

18-May-25	Collection	Online G	Total
Offertory	\$3,904.00	\$255.00	\$4,159.00
Total for parish operation			\$4,159.00
Diocesan:			
Dev. of the ppl	\$1,175.00		\$1,175.00

5/18 Food Sale by the Spanish Mass Ushers raised \$1,956 for our parish. Thank you and God bless you for supporting the mission of the church and the ministry of St. Joseph. St Joseph's offers **Online Giving thru ParishSoft**; an easy option for donating to the Sunday Collection. It's simple! Just visit our website and follow the registration steps for recurrent or one time donations sjraritan.org



Upcoming 2nd Collection (Diocesan):

May 30/31, Catholic Communication Campaign: Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money we collect remains here in the Diocese of Metuchen to fund local communications efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the US Conference of Bishops and some projects across the United States and abroad. Your support spreads the gospel message! Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.

Support the
Catholic Communication Campaign



Connect with Christ



May every human life be protected in law and welcomed in love.

—Our Mass Book is open for intentions up to **SEPTEMBER 2025**—

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2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

PILGRIMS OF HOPE (Campaign Summary Report):

Parish Goal: **\$25,000** | Total Pledged & Received: \$24,582.95 | Amount Received: \$21,087.95 | Under Goal: \$-417.05 | Percent of Goal Received: 84.35% | Average Gift Amount: \$296.18

Perpetual Adoration

SHRINE CHAPEL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, RARITAN
The Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, in Raritan, is looking for adorers to sit with the Blessed Sacrament Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is also being offered the first Saturday of each Month (Night Vigil) from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Anyone interested in signing up should visit <https://blessedsacramentshrine.com>

ST. ANN'S CLASSICAL ACADEMY, RARITAN, NJ

Now Enrolling! St. Ann Classical Academy is now enrolling Pre K - 8th Grade for the 2025-2026 school year, and we have room for your family! Visit us online at stann-classical.org/open-house or call us at 908-725-7787 to learn more, register for a personal tour, or apply today. We look forward to welcoming you!

Summer Fun Awaits at Saint Ann's Classical Academy! Join us for a fun-filled Summer Day Camp, running from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM on the weeks of June 16th and June 23rd! This camp is open to St. Ann Classical Academy students and parishioners of Oratorian Parishes (St. Ann, Holy Trinity, Saint Joseph, and The Shrine) who will be entering Grade K – Grade 6 in the fall of 2025. Spots are filling fast! To learn more, For more information visit us online at stannclassical.org/st-ann-summer-camp, email summercamp@stannparish.school or call 908-725-7787.

“Don't pray at Holy Mass, but pray the Holy Mass” His Holiness, Pope Saint Pius X

WORD OF LIFE: “Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.” USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis' “Day for Life Greeting” © 2013 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

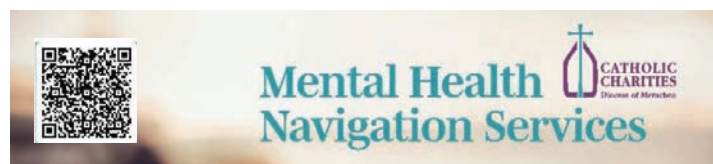
TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY FOR MAY

O most august and blessed Virgin Mary! Holy Mother of God! glorious Queen of heaven and earth! powerful protectress of those who love thee, and unfailing advocate of all who invoke thee! look down, I beseech thee, from thy throne of glory on thy devoted child; accept the solemn offering I present thee of this month, specially dedicated to thee, and receive my ardent, humble desire, that by my love and fervor I could worthily honor thee, who, next to God, art deserving of all honor. Receive me, O Mother of Mercy, among thy best beloved children; extend to me thy maternal tenderness and solicitude; obtain for me a place in the Heart of Jesus, and a special share in the gifts of His grace. O deign, I beseech thee, to recognize my claims on thy protection, to watch over my spiritual and temporal interests, as well as those of all who are dear to me; to infuse into my soul the spirit of Christ, and to teach me thyself to become meek, humble, charitable, patient, and submissive to the will of God. May my heart burn with the love of thy Divine Son, and of thee, His blessed Mother, not for a month alone, but for time and eternity; may I thirst for the promotion of His honor and thine, and contribute, as far as I can, to its extension. Receive me, O Mary, the refuge of sinners! Grant me a Mother's blessing and a Mother's care, now, and at the hour of my death. **Amen.**

Connect, Belong, and Grow Together

Catechists, teachers, youth ministers, and diocesan and parish leaders—the St. John Bosco Conference (July 14-17, 2025) is for you! More than a conference, it's a retreat with Jesus, the Master Catechist. Get inspired with engaging talks, be strengthened through the sacrament, and leave empowered to evangelize and share the Good News. At the St. John Bosco Conference, you join a community filled with other teachers of the faith where you can build lasting friendships and experience the joy of Catholic fellowship on Franciscan University's campus in Steubenville, Ohio. For more information about the conference or to register, please click on the following link: <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/st-john-bosco-conference/#register>

Jubilee 2025!
Pilgrims of Hope
diometuchen.org/jubilee-2025



2025 Catholic Women's Conference

Women on Mission
 The Feminine Genius
 in the New Apostolic Age



Saturday, October 18
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 Czestochowa Shrine
 Doylestown

Keynotes:

Mary Ann Wiesinger-Puig
 Sister Faustina Maria, S.V.

Full details & registration:
catholicwomensconference.org



June 19th-21st, 2025
5:00-10:00 PM

Discounted Festa Food Tickets

\$42 in Food Tickets for **\$40***
 \$65 in Food Tickets for **\$60***
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* While supplies last. Available after masses starting May 10th or at the St. Ann's rectory office during normal business hours.

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Avoid waiting in line and save money! Purchase your tickets ahead of time; discounted presale Festa tickets are available for purchase at St. Ann's Parish Office and after some Masses.

Reflexion Salesiana para el Sexto Domingo de Pascua



Una reflexión salesiana sobre el Evangelio dominical por un Oblato de San Francisco de Sales

"Mi paz es mi regalo para ustedes... pero no como el mundo da la paz."

Perspectiva Salesiana

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús hace una distinción entre la "paz como el mundo la ofrece" y la paz que viene de él.

Pero qué es lo que Jesús quiere decir con esto?

El Diccionario de la Herencia Americana del Lenguaje Inglés puede proveernos con ciertas pistas de lo que esto significa. El diccionario define la paz como: "1. la ausencia de la guerra o las hostilidades. 2. un acuerdo o un tratado para terminar con las hostilidades. 3. La libertad de los problemas o los desacuerdos. 4. seguridad y orden público. 5. una satisfacción interior, una serenidad."

La visión de paz que el mundo ofrece – suficientemente apropiada- nos dice que para poder experimentar la verdadera satisfacción interior nosotros primero debemos establecer un mundo en el que no hay Guerra, no hostilidades, no disturbios, no desacuerdos, no desorden público ni caos. Aun cuando esta visión es tentadora, la historia – la historia del mundo y la nuestra ilustra dolorosamente la falacia, la fugacidad de esta promesa de paz... al menos esta forma de intentar obtenerla.

En contraste, la paz que Jesús nos promete comienza desde adentro. Se trata de tener integridad. Se trata de tener un propósito. Se trata de encontrar un significado. Se trata de tener una misión. Ultimadamente, se trata de tener un sentido claro y inambiguo del ser, el ser que solo se puede entender y actualizar completamente en el contexto de nuestra relación con Dios, con nosotros mismos y con los demás.

Esta es la clase de paz que el mundo no nos puede ofrecer.

Irónicamente, la promesa que nos hizo Jesús sobre la paz interior nos da la esperanza de paz para el mundo. Solo cuando hemos echado a un lado nuestras hos-

tilidades personales podremos trabajar verdaderamente para lograr un mundo libre de guerra. Solo cuando hayamos echado a un lado nuestra necesidad de estar siempre en lo correcto, podremos esforzarnos por tener un mundo en el que las peleas no tienen la última palabra. Solo cuando hayamos establecido un orden y dirección en nuestras propias vidas, podremos aspirar a lograr esa misma dirección y orden a una escala mayor. Solo cuando experimentemos el poder y la posibilidades que obtenemos a través del conocimiento – y de la aceptación- de quienes somos verdaderamente a los ojos de Dios, podremos convertirnos en fuentes de ese mismo poder y posibilidad en las vidas de los demás.

La paz de Dios no se puede medir por la ausencia de conflicto. La paz de Dios es una función que depende de nuestra dedicación, de cuanto nos esforzamos para poder saber quienes somos y para que así podamos ver más claramente lo que el mundo puede ser, y que clase de pasos debemos tomar –juntos- para hacer de ese ideal, sin importar cuan frágil o fugaz sea, una realidad.

Quieren la paz del mundo? Piensen globalmente. Pero, igual que Jesús, actúen localmente. Como diría la última línea de un himno bien conocido, "Que haya paz en la tierra

Fuente: Oblates.org

Serie de Misas Durante el Jubileo - Jóvenes y Jóvenes Adultos Hispanos

Viernes, 30 de mayo, 2025, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Acompáñanos en la Misa mensual bilingüe, organizada por nuestros jóvenes y jóvenes adultos el último viernes de cada mes. Este mes nos reuniremos el viernes 30 de mayo en la parroquia St Joseph, Bound Brook (111 East High Street, Bound Brook, NJ 08805) a la 7:30 pm.

PEREGRINACIÓN HISPANA AL SANTUARIO DEL BLUE ARMY

Reserva la Fecha!! Peregrinación Hispana al Santuario Nacional Blue Army de la Virgen de Fátima.

"Familias Hispanas, Peregrinas de Esperanza".

Acompáñanos el **14 de junio de 2025 de 9:30 am a 3:00 pm en el Santuario Nacional Blue Army**, donde podremos recibir la indulgencia jubilar. Tendremos adoración al Santísimo, confesiones, rezo del Santo Rosario, el Angelus y la Misa de clausura.

El evento es gratuito. No requiere registro previo. Por favor lleva tu comida, para compartir.

¿Más información? comunícate al 732 243 4573 o a Lescobar@diometuchen.org

LECTURAS DEL SEXTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Primera Lectura: Hechos 15:1-2, 22-29

Algunos hombres informaron a los gentiles que no podían ser salvos si no se circuncidaban, de acuerdo a la Ley Antigua. Los discípulos les dijeron a los gentiles que siguieran las reglas estrictamente necesarias, como abstenerse de comer carne sacrificada a ídolos, o inmoralidad sexual.

Segunda Lectura: Apocalipsis 21:10-14, 22-23

Juan describe a Jerusalén bajando del cielo, brillando como una joya preciosa, con un ángel apostado en cada una de sus doce puertas, y cada puerta con el nombre de una de las tribus de Israel. La ciudad no tenía templo, pues Dios era su templo. La gloria y luz de Dios y el Cordero también reemplazaban la necesidad del sol.

Evangelio: San Juan 14:23-29

Jesús les dice a sus discípulos: “El que me ama hace caso de mi palabra”. A los que obedezcan, Jesús y Dios los amarán y acompañarán siempre. También dice que Dios enviará al Espíritu Santo para enseñarles. Jesús les dice que la paz es su regalo de despedida..

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SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO PARA BEBES

Bautismos en español: 11 AM algunos sabados

Clase pre-Bautismal:

¿Quiénes deben recibir la clase? Los padres y los padrinos
En la Diócesis de Metuchen es obligatorio que tanto los padres como los padrinos reciban la clase

¿Quién es elegible para ser padrino?

Católicos practicantes que hayan recibido los Sacramentos de iniciación Cristiana. *El rol del padrino es ayudar a los padres a criar al niño en la fe; por tanto, debe llevar una vida coherente, no contradictoria, a las enseñanzas de nuestra Madre Iglesia.*

Numero de padrinos



Que toda vida humana sea protegida por la ley y acogida en el amor.

CONFERENCIA DE MUJERES CATÓLICAS 2025

Mujeres en misión

El genio femenino en la nueva era apostólica



Sábado 18 de octubre de 2025

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Santuario Nacional de

Nuestra Señora de

Czestochowa

Presentadores:

Padre Thomas Viviano

Mary Ann Wiesinger-Puig

Información y registración:
catholicwomensconference.org/espanol



Peregrinación HISPANA

al SANTUARIO NACIONAL BLUE ARMY

de la VIRGEN de FATIMA

Familias Hispanas, Peregrinas de Esperanza

674 Mountain View Road E., Asbury, NJ 08802

14 de JUNIO de 2025

9:30 AM a 3:00 PM

Adoración, Confesiones, Santo Rosario, Angelus y Misa.

El evento es gratuito | No requiere registro previo
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Más información? Comunícate al 732 243 4573 o a
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