



Saint Mary Parish

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October 4, 2020

A Warm & Welcoming Family of Catholic Faith

obedience



*Jesus
replied,
'Anyone
who loves
me will
obey my
teaching.'*

*-John
14:23*

The Virtue of Obedience

The Catechism of the Catholic Church addresses the virtue of obedience, even calling it, a duty. "The duty of obedience requires all to give due honor to authority and to treat those who are charged to exercise it with respect, and, insofar as it is deserved, with gratitude and good-will." (1900)

Below are several examples of the virtue of obedience:

- + Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, obeyed His Father by becoming man through the power of the Holy Spirit and was born of the Virgin Mary, later going to His obedience-inspired salvific Death on Calvary.
- + Our Blessed Lady obeyed the Almighty by consenting to become the Virgin-Mother of the long-awaited Messiah.
- + Saint Joseph heeded the Angel of the Lord and took Jesus and Mary to Egypt because King Herod wanted to kill the Baby.
- + All baptized Christians are moved by the obedience of faith to listen and submit to the Word of God.
- + Children obey, respect and pray for their parents, grateful that God has given their fathers and mothers to them.
- + Priests obey their Bishops or Superiors, for example by accepting new assignments from them.
- + Those who are consecrated to Christ by the profession of the Evangelical Counsels of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience obey their Religious Superiors regarding what apostolic work they are to do.
- + Those who have spiritual directors listen to and obey them concerning how they should seek Christian perfection in particular matters.
- + Catholics obey God and the Church by heeding the Commandments and the Precepts of the Church, for example by attending the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, following the Church's laws concerning the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, etc.
- + Citizens pay taxes to the rightful authority and defend their country from hostile foreign attack.

"As a virtue, (obedience) is pleasing to God because it means the sacrifice of one's will out of love for God." --(ibid.)

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MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, October 5

Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37

7:00 AM Vocations to Religious Life
12:30 PM John G. Gilchrist

TUESDAY, October 6

Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42

7:00 AM Our Homebound Parishioners
5:00 PM Angelina Coscio

WEDNESDAY, October 7

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4

7:00 AM The Intentions of Noreen Greco
12:30 PM Intentions of Catherine and Peter Chomiak
- 25th Wedding Anniversary

THURSDAY, October 8

Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13

7:00 AM Parishioners of the Parish
5:00 PM Sister Margaret Brennan

FRIDAY, October 9

Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26

7:00 AM The Youth of our Parish
12:30 PM Yolanda Torcellini

SATURDAY, October 10

Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28

8:00 AM All Souls in Purgatory
4:30 PM Cecylia Skrzypecka

SUNDAY, October 11

Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

CHURCH

7:30 AM Vincent Contessa
9:15 AM Dan Spano Jr.
11:15 AM Johanna & Garrett Reilly

HALL

10:30 AM Staff & Students of St. Mary School
12:00 PM Lena, Jenny, Betty & Bernice Gueci
5:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish

PLEASE NOTE: Every Mass intention will be honored; the priests of the Parish will say the scheduled Mass privately on the day it was requested. Parishioners can still request a Mass for their particular intentions according to availability by calling or emailing the Parish office.



BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **Emma Elizabeth Giordano** who was recently baptized.



Please continue to support our Parish with Online Giving. Go to our website to sign up. Call the Parish office if you would like assistance.

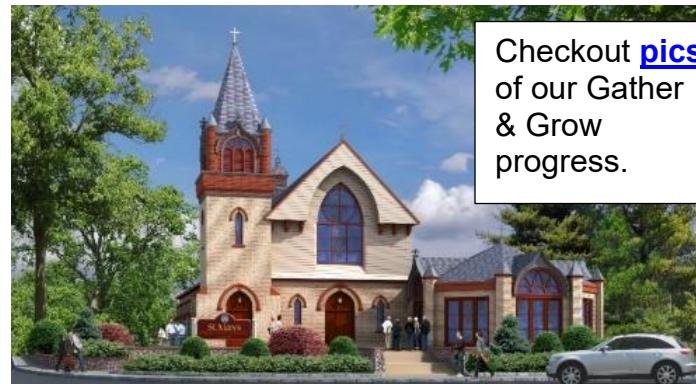
Thank you for all the envelopes you have been sending in each week! Offertory can be mailed to St. Mary Parish, 55 Cartoonah St, Ridgefield, CT 06877. Mail is picked up daily. Thank yo

Prayers for the Sick

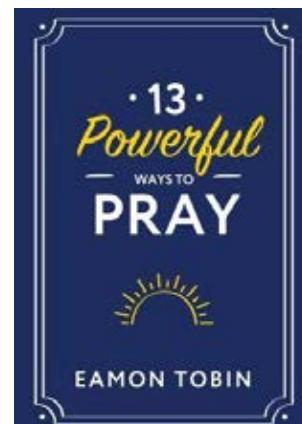
Please pray for the sick on our online prayer list and for those who care for them. Pray also for those who died and those grieving loved ones.



Go to our website to make a prayer request and to see those on the prayer list.



Checkout [pics](#) of our Gather & Grow progress.



13 Powerful Ways to Pray Book Study Starting October 8

[Click here for more info](#)

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

8 Reasons Why Obedience to God Is Important

1. Jesus Calls Us to Obey

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. (John 14:15, ESV)

2. Obedience Is an Act of Worship

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. (Romans 12:1, NLT)

3. God Rewards Obedience

"And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed—all because you have obeyed me." (Genesis 22:18, NLT)

Jesus replied, "But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice." (Luke 11:28, NLT)

4. Obedience to God Proves Our Love

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. (1 John 5:2–3, ESV)

Love means doing what God has commanded us, and he has commanded us to love one another, just as you heard from the beginning. (2 John 6, NLT)

5. Obedience to God Demonstrates Faith

And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did. (1 John 2:3–6, NLT)

6. Obedience Is Better Than Sacrifice

But Samuel replied, "What is more pleasing to the LORD: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams. Rebellion is as sinful as witchcraft, and stubbornness as bad as worshiping idols. So because

you have rejected the command of the LORD, he has rejected you as king." (1 Samuel 15:22–23, NLT)

7. Disobedience Leads to Sin and Death

For as by the one man's [Adam's] disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's [Christ's] obedience the many will be made righteous. (Romans 5:19, ESV)

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. (1 Corinthians 15:22, ESV)

8. Through Obedience, We Experience the Blessings of Holy Living

Joyful are people of integrity, who follow the instructions of the LORD. Joyful are those who obey his laws and search for him with all their hearts. They do not compromise with evil, and they walk only in his paths. You have charged us to keep your commandments carefully. Oh, that my actions would consistently reflect your decrees! Then I will not be ashamed when I compare my life with your commands. As I learn your righteous regulations, I will thank you by living as I should! I will obey your decrees. Please don't give up on me! (Psalm 119:1–8, NLT)



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HOMEWORK AT SMS



At Saint Mary School we believe that homework is an important part of the school experience and we continually see the benefits - to our students and to our teachers and parents as well.

Meaningful homework assignments provide our students with the opportunity to develop critical real-world skills such as:

- time management
- problem-solving skills
- prioritization
- initiative
- self-discipline

It allows more time to both absorb and practice new material, which leads to mastery and self-confidence, and serves as a bridge in the home-school connection.

We have openings in select grades for the 2020-2021 School Year and will begin taking applications for the 2021-2022 school year shortly. We would love to tell you more about what makes Saint Mary School so special. For more information, or to set up a tour, please contact Anna O'Rourke at (203) 438-7288, or visit www.smsridgefield.org.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish office is currently closed but you may email or call for routine matters (including the purchase of Mass Cards) and our receptionist will get back to you as soon as possible. If there is an emergency, call the office and clergy will get back to you immediately. Stay tuned for open hours coming soon.



ST. MARY PARISH MEN'S MINISTRY

Hey men - We are having an awesome online experience with our Saturday meetings on the "Discord" App! We are welcoming many who don't want to do the commute to our meetings, or would rather gain some helpful insight in their pajamas! Please email Brian at humblebk@yahoo.com if you want an invite or some quick help using the Discord App. Tune in to just listen or join our table discussions. Meetings on Saturday @6:45-8AM and are really fun! Email or call me. God's Peace, Brian 203-947-2858



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Our Lady's message to the world: Do penance, amend your life, offend God no more and pray the Rosary daily for world peace and the conversion of sinners.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration Chapel OPEN DAILY

10:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Limited to 4 people at any one time

If the 4 places are full, a visitor must wait outside or return at another time.

Chairs and kneelers are safely distanced, and the air conditioning and air circulation system works well.

Please remember to wear a face mask

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

8:00 AM, 4:30 PM Vigil Mass
(Church)

Sunday

7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:15 AM
(Church)

10:30 AM Family Mass,
12:00 Noon and

5:00 PM Youth Mass (Hall)

Monday - Friday

7:00 AM and 12:00 noon
(Church)

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil Mass 5:30 PM

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:00 Noon
7:30 PM (Church)

*Easter and Christmas have
special schedules

Our Mission:

LIVE the gift of our faith, ENRICH our understanding of that gift, and PRACTICE our faith in compassionate service.

OTHER SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Every Tuesday & Thursday from 12:30-1PM and every Saturday from 3:30-4:30PM (Church)

Baptism

Celebrated each Sunday at 12:30 PM

New parents must attend a pre-baptism class. Call Parish office to schedule both

Marriage

Call Parish Office at least 9 months prior to wedding

Anointing of Sick

Call Parish Office to make arrangements

In case of serious illness or death in the family, call Parish Office immediately.

CEMETERY

203-438-3606

ADORATION

Monica & Bill Brown

914-533-2832

Pastor: Msgr. Kevin T. Royal

MsgrRoyal@smcr.org

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Parochial Vicar: Rev. Lourduraj P., O. Praem., frraj@smcr.org

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Monday-Friday 10AM-4PM

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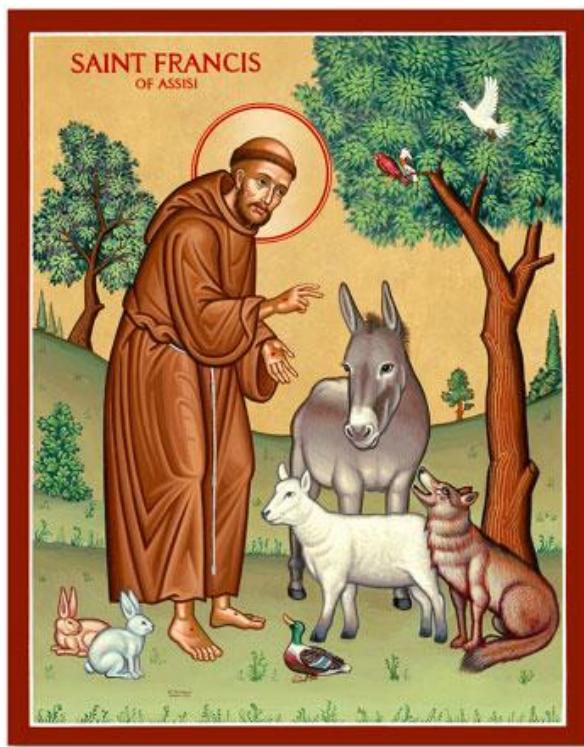
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Blessing of Pets

Sunday, October 4 @ 3:00PM

St. Mary School Parking Lot



Come be a part of this celebration of St. Francis of Assisi.

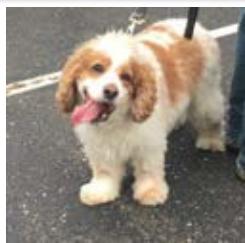
PRAYER & BLESSING

St. Francis had a great love for all of God's creatures. Bring your pet, a photo of your pet, or a special stuffed animal to be blessed. If you don't have a pet, come celebrate with those who do.

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Amen.



Please wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines.



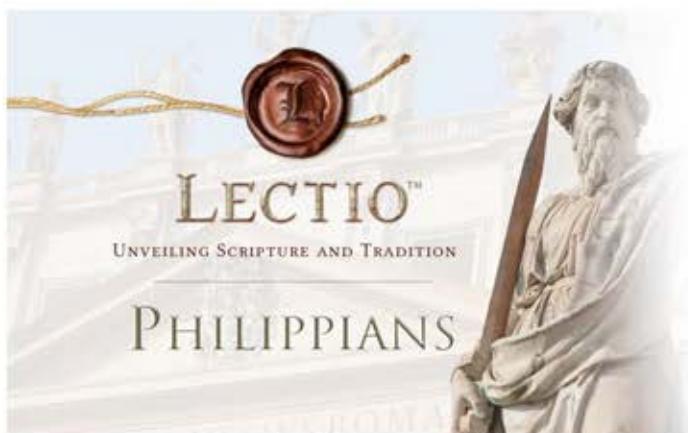
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PICK OF THE WEEK

WATCH

OCEAN OF MERCY

At the dawn of the twentieth century, three voices rose up from Poland—St. Faustina Kowalska, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and Pope St. John Paul II—to proclaim an urgent message, a message powerful enough to alter the course of an age plunging into spiritual darkness.



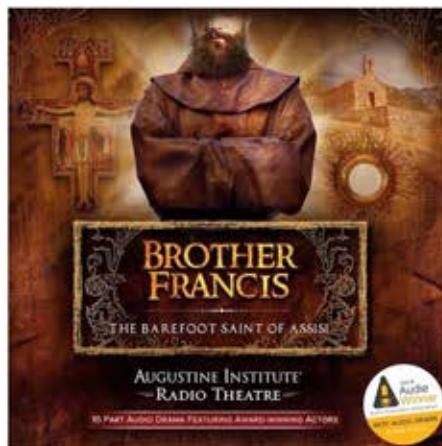
LISTEN

BROTHER FRANCIS: THE BAREFOOT SAINT OF ASSISI

If you think you know Francis of Assisi, you're in for a surprise. Discover the astonishing life of Brother Francis, the fun-loving son of wealth and privilege who gave up everything for the sake of Christ.

LECTIO: PHILIPPIANS WITH DR. TIM GRAY

Towards the end of his life, under arrest and awaiting trial in Rome, Saint Paul writes a short but powerful letter to the Philippians. In six sessions, Dr. Tim Gray combines insight and practical guidance using the lectio divina disciplines to make the Scriptures come alive in Philippians: Life in Christ.



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SESSION 2



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Our Lady of Kibeho



Monday, October 19, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Speaker: Father Bateman, a parish priest from Pennsylvania. A few years ago Father Bateman felt called to visit Kibeho on a pilgrimage and has agreed to share his experience with us.

[Article on Fr. Bateman's visit.](#)

Facilitator: Meg Whitbeck

The ZOOM link will be emailed to participants before the event

103rd ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA

Join us to Pray the Rosary in Public



**Saturday, October 10th
12:00 Noon**

**Saint Mary School Parking Lot
by the entrance of
High Ridge Avenue &
the corner of Barry Avenue**



"The Rosary will be a very powerful armor against hell; it will destroy vice, deliver from sin and dispel heresy."
Our Lady to Saint Dominic

October 13th is the 103rd anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun, witnessed by 70,000 people, including unbelievers, some of whom converted to Christianity. Our Lord sent the apostles to go forth and teach all nations. Praying the Rosary in public is an excellent way to introduce others to our Catholic faith as well as the Fatima message. "Now no man lighting a candle covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed; but sets it upon a candlestick, that they who come in may see the light" (St. Luke 8:16).

Come and pray for our country, the world, and your children.

Public prayer is powerful - in The Secret of the Rosary, Saint Louis de Montfort states: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

For more information contact Barb Costello barbcostello@sbcglobal.net

Coming to St. Mary Parish



walking with purpose

THE MODERN WOMAN'S GUIDE TO THE BIBLE

Thursday Evenings
Oct. 8 - Dec. 10
at
7:30 - 9:00PM
via Zoom

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while making authentic connections with others?***

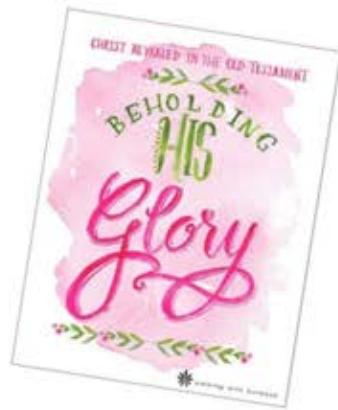
***Would you like to have a better understanding of your faith
and learn more about God?***

Walking with Purpose transforms the hearts and lives of women by providing Bible studies that enable women to know Christ through Scripture and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

Beholding His Glory

As we look at Old Testament people and events, we'll encounter problems that only Christ will solve, needs that only He will satisfy, and promises that only He can deliver.

This nine-lesson study, Beholding His Glory, shows us how all Scripture points us to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. We'll learn to recognize and appreciate God's plan for our own lives, His awe-inspiring majesty, and His desire for personal intimacy with each one of us.



Walking with Purpose will meet on **Thursday evenings 10/8 - 12/10**

From **7:30 – 9:00PM via ZOOM**

For more information, contact **Barbara Giobbi, bgiobbi@snet.net**

This program is FREE. [Register here](#).

[Click here](#) to purchase the book (\$20). Please order your book 2 weeks before the first session.

DANBURY LIFE CHAIN

A Pro-Life Prayer Vigil

SUNDAY, October 4, 2020

44 Main Street, Danbury, CT

(Between Wooster and South Sts.)

2:30 to 3:30 pm

Participants pray the rosary together along Main St.

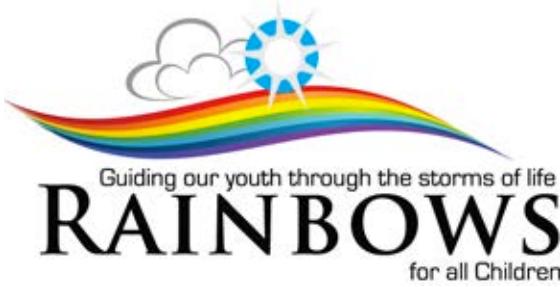


LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful, prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing in honor of 54 million lives lost to abortion, praying for our nation, for people in crisis situations and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

Come Be a Link in our Chain

For your comfort bring water, strollers umbrellas, etc.

Contact: Deirdre Condon (203) 438-6123



Calling all crafters and artisans—knitters, crocheters, jewelry-makers, artists, photographers—whatever your craft of choice, we need you! Make a difference in the lives of grieving children and teenagers.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND/OR DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OUR
CRAFTY CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

**Auction/Online Auction
Church of the Holy Spirit, Stamford, CT
Holy Family Hall
November 21/22, 2020**

With the blessing of Bishop Caggiano and the financial support of our generous donors, we are growing *Rainbows*, diocesan-wide and further afield, under the good shepherding of Monsignor Royal at St Mary Parish in Ridgefield. Needed now, more than ever, in this time of unprecedented grief and loss...

**GALE Grief And Loss Education workshops in our schools
Rainbows peer support groups in our community
Professional development for educators
Toward a culture of compassion in our schools and communities**

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5.4

Get your creativity on! Put your craft stash to good use! Join us in this worthwhile and fun event—we welcome your involvement with planning & organizing, or as a crafter (or both!) RSVP sooner rather than later, if possible before August 20th.

Grace and peace,
Mary

Mary Curley
Program Director mary@gale-us.org **Cell 203-550-3250** **Office 203-438-6538**

Supporting children and teenagers who are grieving the loss of a parent, grandparent, guardian, sibling, friend, or other loved one – whether from death, divorce, deployment, illness, incarceration, violence, or other trauma.

Crafty Christmas Fundraiser!

Rainbows is gratefully accepting contributions/donations for our Crafty Christmas fundraiser.

All items gratefully received until Wednesday October 28th. Other suggestions welcome!

Please contact Mary Curley to arrange drop-off/pick-up.

Knitted/crocheted/quilted/embroidery

- Hat (adult and child)
- Scarf (adult and child)
- Mittens (adult and child)
- Lap blanket
- Prayer shawl
- Socks
- Headband
- Baby blanket
- Baby hat
- Pocket prayer shawl
- Potholders
- Cotton washcloths
- Cotton dishcloths
- Napkin Rings
- Doggie sweater
- Embroidered tea towel
- Christmas decorations
- Soft toys

We have patterns available for many of the above items - happy to provide on request. If there is something in particular that you like to make, or have other suggestions, we'd love to hear from you!

For allergy information and washing instruction purposes - with your knitted/crocheted items, please include the paper sleeve/band from around the ball of

Thank you for your generosity in supporting grieving children and families.

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Give sorrow words; the grief that does not speak whispers the o'er-fraught heart and bids it break.
William Shakespeare



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2 Corinthians 9:7

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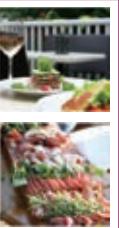
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