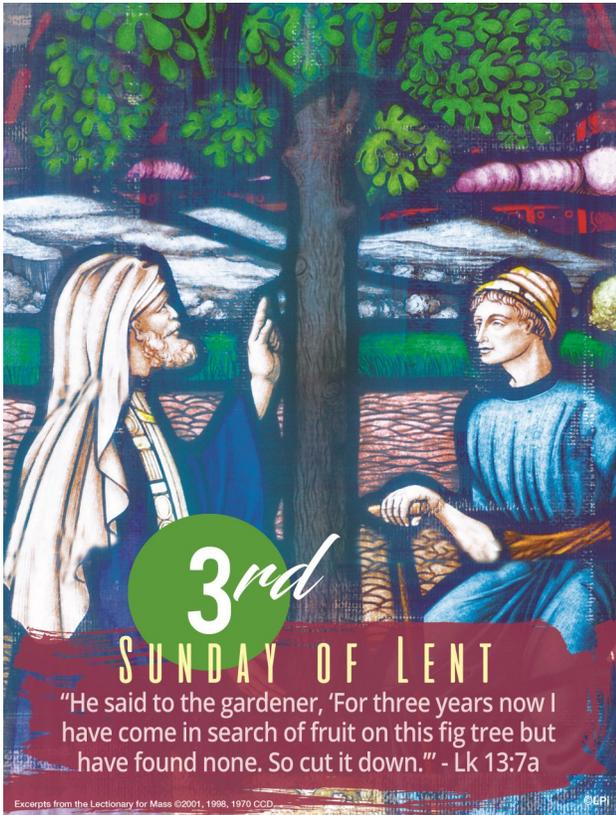


ASSUMPTION

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

To Know Jesus, to Love Jesus, to Serve Jesus



Sunday, March 20, 2022
Third Sunday of Lent

Church and Parish Office:

300 State Road • West Grove, PA 19390
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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm Masses

Daily Mass Schedule

6:30 am - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
8:15 am - Tuesday, Friday

Eucharistic Adoration

After morning Mass, Monday through Friday, until 7 pm
ABVM Adoration Chapel
No Adoration on public holidays or snow days.

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Deacon Ronald Lewis

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Sacraments and Devotions

Baptism: Sundays at 1:15 pm in Church (bimonthly)

Matrimony: Engaged couples are asked to meet with the parish priest at least six months prior to the wedding and enroll in a marriage-prep program.

Reconciliation: (Church) Saturdays, 11:00 am-12:15 pm

Rosary: Wednesdays, 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Patriotic Rosary: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm

Flame of Love Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet:
Thursdays, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Bulletin: Submit articles by 8:00 am on Thursday for publication the following week. Submit to the Parish Office or email DonnaABVM@comcast.net.

Hearing Assist Devices are available for use at Mass.
Please see an usher for details.

THE PASCHAL MYSTERY AND THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE



On the evening of the day of Jesus' Resurrection, after passing through the closed doors of the Upper Room, where the apostles were hunkering down, Jesus said to them, "Peace be with you." He showed them his wounds, which caused them to recognize him and be glad. Jesus repeated the greeting, and affirmed their vocation: "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you" (the word "apostle" means "sent"). Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (cf. John 20:19-23). At that moment, Christ gave the apostles the power to forgive sins. The Church has come to call this the Sacrament of Penance, also known as the Sacrament of Reconciliation or simply Confession.

The Sacrament of Penance was the second gift of Christ to the Church after he completed his paschal sacrifice. It was given with the breathing of the Holy Spirit upon them, which was the first gift (praise God!). This manner of instituting the sacrament unites it closely to the Paschal Mystery and reveals that its saving power comes from the Holy Spirit. Only God can forgive sins. Jesus had said of himself at the beginning of his public ministry, "The Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" and he himself said on more than one occasion, "Your sins are forgiven" (Mk 2:5-10). Amazingly, this authority is now shared with the men who had run away when he was arrested. It is given to imperfect men, but its power is of the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life. This is true, of course, for all the sacraments.

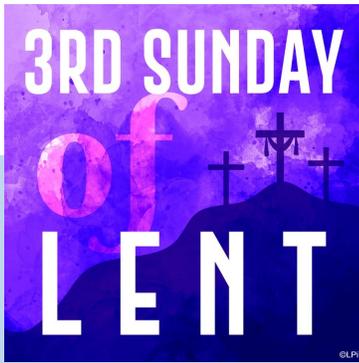
In my first article on the relationship of the sacraments to the Paschal Mystery I indicated that in Baptism we sacramentally participate in the death, burial and Resurrection of Christ. St. Paul writes that in Baptism, "You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God" (1 Cor 6:11). All sins are forgiven by Baptism, both original sin and, for those who have reached the age of reason, personal sins. However, the frail humanity and the weakness to which human nature is prone is not abolished, nor is the inclination to sin which dwells within the lower appetites of the human person, which seek to be satisfied in an unreasonable manner. The tradition calls this effect of original sin "concupiscence" and views its persistence as an opportunity for the baptized, with God's help, to prove themselves through ongoing conversion. In consequence of God's respect for human dignity and freedom he calls human beings not to be passive recipients of his grace, but to struggle for holiness and eternal life, always with his help (cf. Catechism 1426).

One of the greatest helps in the Christian struggle is the Sacrament of Penance. It is the remedy for excommunication. A person who commits a mortal sin breaks communion with God and the Church. In order to restore communion a person who in an official capacity can represent both God and the Church is needed. Such representatives are priests, who by their ordination are what the New Testament refers to in Greek as *presbyteroi* (presbyters), the "elders" of the Church. The power to "bind and loose" which Jesus first gave to Peter, and then to the other apostles, is passed on in the apostolic succession, as well as the power to forgive sins (cf. Mt 16:19; Mt 18:18; Jn 20:23). The penitent is reconciled both to God and the Church by the absolution of the priest. One cannot be reconciled to one without the other, as St. Cyprian said: "He cannot have God for his Father who has not the Church for his mother."

The words of absolution by the priest clearly reveal the source of the power to forgive sins, which is the Paschal Mystery. It also alludes to the necessary role of the Church. Finally, it has the priest speak in the very person of Christ, since Jesus said, "Whose sins you forgive will be forgiven, and whose sins you retain will be retained." The one with apostolic authority is a true subject, not a puppet, and he acts as judge, deciding to loose or to bind. Although he is human, when he pronounces the absolution, his words are infallible, because by the power of the sacrament of holy orders, and his communion with his bishop, who is a successor of the apostles, he is one with Christ as head and shepherd. That is the guarantee which the merciful Father wished to give to his wayward children, so that they would have no doubts about the remission of their guilt:

"God the Father of mercies, through the death and Resurrection of his Son, has reconciled the world to himself, and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins. Through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you of your sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

- Father Scott



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Lent

Readings in Missal
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FIRST READING:

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

“This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you.”

(Ex 3:14)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 103

The Lord is kind and merciful.

(Ps 103)

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come.

(1 Cor 10:11)

GOSPEL:

Luke 13:1-9

“But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will perish as they did!”

(Lk 9:28b-29)

Entrance Antiphon..... My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Congregational Refrain..... My eyes are always on the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm..... The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation.. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

Offertory Hymn O Blessed Are Those | #814

(10:00 am Mass) Jesus, Meek and Humble | #517

Communion Antiphon..... For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Congregational Refrain..... We drink from the spring of eternal life.

Communion Hymn..... The Lord is Kind and Merciful | #802

(10:00 am Mass) God Be in My Head | #406

Recessional Hymn..... The Glory of These Forty Days | #134

(10:00 am Mass) Change Our Hearts | #660

Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 19, 2022

9 am Mass (Solemnity of St. Joseph) People of the Parish

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, **EM:** T.F. Caruso, M. Wharton
Readers: T. Harrison, S. Liberatore, **Servers:** K. & N. O'Donnell,
1 server needed **Sacristan:** J. Lyons **Music:** M. Lundy

4:30 pm Mass - Michael Brennan, req. by Tina and Chris Torello

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, **EM:** D. Brumbaugh, J. Fredericksdorf, R. Schill
Readers: D. Buoni, M.A. Schill
Servers: 3 servers needed
Sacristan: F. Buoni **Music:** N. Boysen, M. Lundy

Sunday, March 20, 2022

8 am Mass - Susan Carroll, req. by The Carroll Family

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, **EM:** M. Bruecks, M. Petrarca, M. Wharton
Readers: M. Losito, K. Hamill-Clark
Servers: E. & N. Goldstein, 1 server needed
Sacristan: K. Kelleher **Music:** C. Clancy, M. Lundy

10 am Mass - Lisa Erling Vito, req. by Joyce Malchione

Deacon: No Deacon, **EM:** J. Chapman, D. Lauletta, T. Powell,
D. Shannon **Readers:** A. Pfaff, H. Leinhauser
Servers: E. Char, C. Opdenaker, J. Stumpf
Sacristan: J. Lyons **Music:** Anthem

12 pm Mass - Boniface Parma, req. by The Brlansky Family

Deacon: No Deacon, **EM:** A. Barr, T.F. Caruso, P. Crowley, L. Lanciano
Readers: C. Foy, S. Liberatore
Servers: 3 servers needed
Sacristan: J. Lyons **Music:** R. Thomas, M. Lundy

Monday, March 21, 2022, 6:30 am Mass

People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 8:15 am Mass

Vincent DiMarco, Jr., req. by Jeff & Caroline Lyons

Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 6:30 am Mass

Betty Eller, req. by Pat Cosgrove

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Servers: L. & T. Wilson, 1 server needed **Music:** G. Kull, M. Lundy

Thursday, March 24, 2022, 6:30 am Mass

Tim Bryson, req. by His Family

Friday, March 25, 2022, 8:15 am Mass

Bernice Siedzikowski, req. by her sister, Stella

1:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 26, 2022

4:30 pm Mass - Founder of the Knights of Columbus, Blessed Father Michael McGivney, req. by the Knights of Columbus-Saint Pius X Council #3858

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, **EM:** D. Lauletta, M. Petrarca, 1 minister needed
Readers: E. Sigda, A. Taglione
Servers: E. & M. Stemerman, 1 server needed
Sacristan: F. Buoni **Music:** N. Boysen, M. Lundy

Sunday, March 27, 2022

8 am Mass - People of the Parish

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, **EM:** M. Bruecks, L. Goldstein, M. Wharton
Readers: M. Debes, A. Pfaff **Servers:** N. Goldstein, L. & T. Wilson
Sacristan: K. Kelleher **Music:** C. Clancy, M. Lundy

10 am Mass - Edward Bryson, req. by The Family

Deacon: No Deacon, **EM:** P. Crowley, B. Michalski, T. Powell, R. Schill
Readers: M. Scott, G. Charlton **Servers:** A., L. & R. Hamilton
Sacristan: S. Gempp **Music:** Anthem

12 pm Mass - Barbara Herwick, req. by The Brumbaugh Family

Deacon: No Deacon, **EM:** T.F. Caruso, L. Lanciano, D. Shannon,
1 minister needed **Readers:** J. Battinieri, T. Harrison
Servers: J. & S. Calabretta, 1 server needed
Sacristan: J. Lyons **Music:** R. Thomas, M. Lundy

PRAYER REQUESTS



Gerald Doyle, Sr., Thomas & Eileen Clark, Mike R., Jo Manley, Rob Rae, Bill Flickinger, Lily Steger, Christina Johnson, Don Shaffer, Shirley Lammert, Lynn Jackson, Jamie Wenrich, Ruth Louf, Pam Davidson, Lori Gaffney, Erin W., Dottie Duffy, Joe Schroder, Angela DiProspero Crognale, Jonathan Redford, Nancy Larkin, Terry O'Connell, Vincent Terrusa, Helena Perry, Judith Hasson, Lauren G., Kevin Fogarty, Ron Finn, Katherine Brown, Mary Lou Fieni, Ryan Coyle, Hazel Owens, Dorothy Verna, Karen & Wayne Powell, Dan Miller, Sharon Kraynak, Brent & Stephanie Starkey, Sharon DeNapoli, Dawn Farrugia, Bill Sauerwine, Stephen Felicetti, Frankie Knowles, Jose Gonzalez, Cheryl Sedlak, Victor & Dee Berger, Joseph & Philip Caruso, Visitation Prayer Intentions

Requests will be printed in the bulletin for one month and military prayers for six months. You may renew as often as you wish by calling the Assumption BVM Parish Office at 610-869-2722 or email DonnaABVM@comcast.net.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Let us continue to pray for our Armed Forces. We thank God for their sacrifices they make to ensure our freedom.

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| ♦2 LT Emily Fanning | ♦SGT Andrew Wolfe |
| ♦LT Ryan Hoffman | ♦AB Michael Connelly & FLT277, Lackland AFB |
| ♦HM1 Matthew Rosenberg | ♦SPC Thomas Wolfe |
| ♦SGT Meghan Guerrero | ♦SGM Nicolas Relacion |
| ♦SGT Michael Guerrero | ♦Service Members & Coalition |
| ♦SGT James Francis | |
| ♦2 LT Nicholas J. Caruso | |
| ♦SSGT James McWilliams | |

Military Plaque to honor those who are currently serving in the U.S. Military is on display in the Church Vestibule. If you would like to have your loved one's picture displayed, contact Dave Besselman at 484-667-0267 or dbesselman1@gmail.com.



We would like to welcome the following new members to our Parish Family:

Jonathan and Traci Starsinic Family

Are you new to our Parish and would like to register? We would love to have you!! Please call the ABVM Parish Office, weekdays, at 610-869-2722, or visit our parish website for a registration form.

Parish Finances

Many thanks to all who continue to support our Parish!

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| Collection for March 13, 2022 | \$11,995 |
| Includes \$6,100 estimated E-Giving | |
| -44% participation | |
| Budgeted Weekly Collection | \$13,885 |
| Actual Average Weekly Collection | \$14,139 |

We have budgeted \$722,000 for our Offertory income, which is less than what we need to balance the overall parish budget. We will make up this deficit from the Annual Parish Appeal. This week about seventy-eight percent of our regular weekly donors contributed. The Offertory financial support for March 13th was \$1,890 less than the budgeted Offertory income. Please keep up your good work until all our weekly donors return to Mass.

Parish Appeal Update

The 2022 Parish Appeal is doing well thanks to you. For the first 19 weeks 249 families donated \$95,602. The 2022 goal is \$175,000. The first \$150,000 will support parish operating expenses. The remaining \$25,000 will be dedicated to Emergency Fund. The Finance Council and Father Scott thank you for your generosity.



Ways to Donate to Offertory

The Finance Council and Father Scott thank you for your generosity to the parish. There are multiple ways to donate to the Offertory and Parish Appeal:

- *Place your Offertory and/or Parish Appeal envelope in the collection basket
- *Mail the Offertory and/or Parish Appeal envelope to the Parish Office
- *Text 610-810-5080 from your smart phone or click on this link: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/PA832>.



My Catholic Will

Consider a gift to ABVM Parish in your will, estate plan or life insurance. Your gift ensures the vitality of the parish for years to come.

LENT



Wednesday Night Devotions

On Wednesdays in Lent, at 7:00 pm, we will celebrate the **Stations of the Cross, a Lenten reflection, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.** The title for the reflections will be "*The Wisdom of Solomon and the Passion of Christ.*" Wisdom presents the most complete description in the Old Testament of the origins of sin and death, the immortality of the soul, the resurrection of the dead, martyrdom, and the final judgment, including a passage on a suffering "Son of God". These will be the themes of the reflections. Join us for these evenings of worship and reflection.

Friday Stations of the Cross

On Fridays of Lent, at 1:00 pm, we will celebrate the **Stations of the Cross** with the school children. All parishioners are welcome to participate.

Rest in Peace

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Franklin "Joe" Carstens
Christina Johnson
Billy McCaffrey
Normand Morneau

Can You Spend an Hour with Jesus in the Adoration Chapel This Lent?



Eucharistic Adoration is held Monday-Friday, After Morning Mass until 7:00 pm

Our Lord while on the cross proclaimed, "I thirst". He thirsts for us, our love, and our time with Him. Come and spend an hour with our Lord or whatever time you have to give. You will be glad that you did!



Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, in the ABVM Church for the Holy Rosary prior to the Stations of the Cross.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

Announcements

Pray the Rosary for Life (3/20/22-3/26/22)

Sun. C. Lyons Thu. J. & N. Kennard

Mon. C. Lyons Fri. T. Harrison

Tue. C. Sedlak Sat. C. Lyons

Wed. J. Malchione (*Sign-up to pray in the vestibule.*)

***HopeAfterAbortion.com; afterabortion.org; RachelsVineyard.org** 610-354-0555,

***Pregnant? Need Help?** Call 1-800-CARE-002.

***Pregnancy Hotline:** Call 610-626-4006 or text 484-451-8104. **Birthright:** 610-436-0773.

***Annulment Proceeding:** Metropolitan Tribunal, Archdiocese of Philadelphia (215) 587-3750.

***Al-Anon:** Email Mondayodat@gmail.com or visit <https://al-non.org>.

***Lions Club Hospital Equipment Loan Program:** Contact 484-883-0515; www.aglions.com.

***Catholic Men's Pornography Addiction Group:** Call confidentially at 215-490-4660.

***Courage:** Courage ministers to those with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. A weekly peer support group is offered to homosexual men and women who wish to live according to the teaching of the Catholic Church. Call 215-587-4505. Confidentiality assured.

* **Suicide Prevention Hotline:** 800-273-8255.

***Hope in Christ:** Spiritual Support for Addiction: visit archphila.org/hope.

WORD OF LIFE Bulletin Quotes

"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ".

- Pope Saint John Paul II,
Evangelium vitae, 84

Parish Clean-Up Day



Saturday, March 26th, 8 am

Meet in front of the Assumption BVM Church

We are in need of volunteers to help with the Parish Clean-Up Day. Please come prepared to work outside cleaning up overgrown brush, downed trees and general clean up. **If available, please bring work gloves, rakes, wheel barrows, pick up trucks...you get the idea!! No Need to Sign up, JUST SHOW UP!!!!!!** For questions, please contact Bob DiMarco at leftfrontdoor1@verizon.net.

THIS IS A GREAT COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!



*Help save lives by praying for an end to
abortion in our community*

From March 2 to April 10, 2022, our community will take part in **40 Days for Life**...a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. **Number of lives saved since 2007 is 20,786 and 103 lives saved since the March 2nd campaign began.** We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our community and beyond.

40 Days for Life aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of West Chester's Planned Parenthood. For information, contact Stephanie from the ABVM Respect Life Group at RespectLife@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org or visit the national website: www.40daysforlife.com.



2nd Annual Philadelphia March for Life

Saturday, March 26, 2022

8:30 am Mass- Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul

10:30 am- March begins outside of the Cathedral

12:00 pm- Freedom Rally at Independence Mall

Visit www.prolifeunion.org for information.



SCHOOL CALENDAR:

March 24th: 7th Grade Visitation to Bishop Shanahan

March 25th: 8:15 am Mass (2nd & 6th Grades); 1 pm Stations of the Cross (5th-8th Grades)

March 31st: 4:30 pm First Reconciliation

April 1st: 8:15 am First Friday Mass; 1 pm Stations of the Cross (PreK-4th Grades)

April 8th: 8:15 am Mass (2nd & 6th Grades), 1 pm Stations of the Cross –Passion Play (All School)

April 11th-18th: Holy Week and Easter Break

April 22nd: 8:15 am Mass (3rd & 5th Grades), Chick Fil-A lunch

2022-2023 School Registration

Registration is now open for the 2022-2023 school year! Assumption BVM School offers Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4, Kindergarten, and Grades 1-8. Call 610-869-9576 or visit www.abvmschoolwg.us for enrollment information or to schedule a tour!

Designer Bag Bingo

We are excited to offer Designer Bag Bingo on **Thursday, April 28th**. Doors open at 6 pm, games start at 7 pm. For tickets, visit <https://abvmschoolwg.us/designer-bag-bingo>. For questions, call the office at 610-869-9576.

First Reconciliation Practice

Reconciliation Practice is available to all children during regular class time to become more familiar with “How to go to Confession.” Our home-based children are welcome to practice and arrive with a parent to our church anytime between the hours 3-4 pm and/or between 6:15-7:15 pm in the Main Church on **Tuesday, March 22nd**.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Reconciliation for all children will be **Thursday, March 31st** at 4:30 pm in the Main Church.

CYFF Featured Meatless Meal Week 3 Lent 2022



<https://www.crsricebowl.org/recipe/crispy-pancakes>

For Pancakes

- ✦ 1 c rice flour
- ✦ 1 c water
- ✦ 1 c coconut milk
- ✦ ½ tsp salt
- ✦ 1 tsp turmeric
- ✦ 1 scallion, sliced thin
- ✦ Oil (for cooking)

For Vietnamese Dipping Sauce (Nuoc Cham)

- ✦ 6 Tbsp warm water
- ✦ 2 Tbsp sugar
- ✦ 2 Tbsp lime juice
- ✦ 2 Tbsp fish sauce
- ✦ 1 garlic clove, minced
- ✦ 1 red chili, minced

For The Filling

- ✦ 2 c fresh bean sprouts
- ✦ ½ lb small shrimp, peeled
- ✦ 6 scallions, sliced
- ✦ Mint and cilantro for garnish

For The Vietnamese Rice Flour Pancakes Mix all pancake batter ingredients together in a large bowl until smooth. Let the mixture stand for 30 minutes while you prepare the other ingredients. For The Vietnamese Dipping Sauce (Nuoc Cham) Mix all the dipping sauce ingredients. Set aside.

To Prepare the Filling Preheat a 9 inch, non-stick skillet with a lid over medium heat. Add the bean sprouts and cook until most of the moisture has evaporated. Remove the sprouts from the pan and set aside. Increase the heat to medium high. Add 1 tsp of oil to the skillet. Add the shrimp and cook for 2-3 minutes, until cooked through. Add the scallions and sauté for 1-2 minutes. Remove the mixture from the pan and set aside.

To Make the Pancakes Add ½ tsp of oil to the skillet (if it looks dry) and pour about ½ c of the batter into the hot pan, tilting the pan quickly to create an even layer of batter that coats the pan. Distribute some of the cooked filling and bean sprouts over half of the batter and cover the skillet for 2-3 minutes, until the edges begin to brown. Remove the lid and reduce the heat to medium, cooking until the bottom of the pancake is crispy, 3-5 minutes. Once the bottom of the pancake is golden and crispy, fold the pancake in half over the filling. Transfer to a plate and serve. Continue with the remaining batter and filling, adding a little oil as needed before pouring the batter.

**The Flame of Love
of the Immaculate
Heart of Mary
Prayer Group**



**Thursdays, 6-7 pm
ABVM Adoration Chapel**

Join us as we pray the FOL Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet along with a short meditation. In addition, we pray the FOL Rosary every Tuesday and Friday morning at 7:30 am in the Chapel.

*Blessed Mother, spread the effect of grace
of thy Flame of Love over all humanity.*

**COMING
SOON
STAY TUNED**

**SOUTHERN CHESCO
Catholic Youth Group**

The Southern Chesco Youth Group is going to be restructuring and will **not** be hosting youth group Sunday evenings for a short period.

Make sure to check the bulletin and social media for updates!
We have new exciting things coming soon!



For the Church in Ukraine

We fly to your patronage, O Virgin
Mother of God.

Despise not our prayers in our needs,
but deliver us (*and our sisters and
brothers in Ukraine*) from all dangers,
since you alone are pure and blessed.

O most glorious ever-Virgin Mary,
the Mother of Christ our God,
accept our prayers
and present them to Your Son and our
God, that for the sake of you,
He enlighten and save our souls.
Amen.



**Annual Rice Bowl
Lenten Alms Changes Lives**

For the 47th consecutive year, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is participating in Catholic Relief Services' (CRS) Rice Bowl, the national Lenten program that provides people of all ages with ways to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. **You can pick up your cardboard Rice Bowl containers in the ABVM Church vestibule** and return them at the end of Lent. Help fight hunger and poverty! Through CRS Rice Bowl, we can help reach more than 140 million people with lifesaving support. To learn more or give online, visit csrricebowl.org.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide necessary support to hundreds of thousands of people throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The beneficiaries of the appeal focus on five key areas:

**Education—Social Services—Evangelization—
Clergy—Local Mission Activities**

catholiccharitiesappeal.org



Knights of Columbus Pius X Council # 3858

2022 Fish Fry



Fridays: March 25, and April 8

Time: 4:30-7:30 pm, Eat-in or Take Out

Assumption BVM School GYM, 290 State Road, West Grove, PA 19390

Adults: \$12, Child (6 to 12) \$7, under 6 Free—Tickets are purchased at the door.

MENU: Breaded Fried COD FISH, Baked COD LOINS w/tomato, Breaded Fried SHRIMP, PASTA FAGIOLI, Sauteed MUSHROOMS, MAC & CHEESE, FRENCH FRIES, COLESLAW, CORNBREAD, DESSERTS & BEVERAGE.

Your attendance is appreciated. Proceeds support the Knights of Columbus charitable activities. For questions, call Ruder Schill at 484-459-3842.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

HAPPENING SOON

Fri., March 25th: Fish Fry (Lenten Meal), 4:30-7:30 pm, Parish Center (Gym)

Sat., March 26th: 4:30 pm Founder's Day Mass

Sun., April 3rd: Coffee & Donut Social after the 10 am Mass, Parish Life Center

Fri., April 8th: Fish Fry (Lenten Meal), 4:30-7:30 pm, Parish Center (Gym)

Thurs., April 21st: Knights Meeting: 6 pm Social, 6:30 pm Mtg, Parish Center (Gym)

Sun., April 24th: Spaghetti Dinner, Parish Center (Gym)

Thurs., April 28th: Red Cross Blood Drive, 11 am-3:30 pm, Parish Life Center

For membership information, contact Ron Calloway at rlcalloway99@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus



FOUNDER'S DAY

Saturday, March 26th, 4:30 pm Vigil Mass

The Knights of Columbus cordially invite brother Knights and the Ladies Auxiliary to join together in prayer at the 4:30 pm Vigil Mass to celebrate FOUNDER'S DAY. In March 1882, Blessed Michael J. McGivney founded this worldwide Catholic organization which now numbers over two million members. Let us pray for a deepening of the virtues of charity, unity and fraternity among the Knights and the world.



Blessed Michael McGivney
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Assumption BVM Spaghetti Dinner



SUNDAY
APRIL 24

1 TO 5:30



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For information or to help, contact John Brennan 610-869-4100
JJBrennan@AssumptionBVMWestGrove.org



Spaghetti Dinner Ticket Sales, Dessert Tree and additional Raffle Tickets will be available in the narthex after all the weekend Masses beginning March 26/27.

Spaghetti Dinner Raffle Tickets

Please return your raffle tickets and money via the collection basket or by mail by **Friday, April 22nd!** You can also bring your tickets with you to the dinner. Tickets are \$1.00 each.

- 1st Prize: \$1,000
- 2nd Prize: \$ 500
- 3rd Prize: \$ 250



Can you be a Greeter?

Qualifications to be a Greeter are the ability to smile and open a door. In survey after survey visitors to churches indicate the importance of being greeted when they visit. All that is required is to arrive fifteen minutes early to church once or twice a month, and be ready to greet people as they come in. It is a way to serve without making a great time commitment and it is a great community builder. If interested please contact Jennifer Hoffman at ushers@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org or call the ABVM parish office to leave your contact information. Thank you for considering!



HERSHEYPARK

Discount tickets to Hersheypark are available to the friends and families of ABVM School and Parish for significant savings. Gate admission for Regular is \$77.80; our price is \$39.95. (All ages 3+) Tickets purchased in 2022 are valid for any single day of operation throughout the 2022 year. You can also add on meal tickets, snack vouchers and parking pass for an additional fee. Order and payment must be submitted to ABVM School by **Friday, April 29, 2022**. Check should be made payable to ABVM School. We will receive tickets on or before the week of May 23, 2022 and will distribute the tickets once received. For an order form, visit www.assumptionbvmwestgrove.org.



Join us for a **Paint Party FUNdraiser** Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus



Friday, April 1st, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

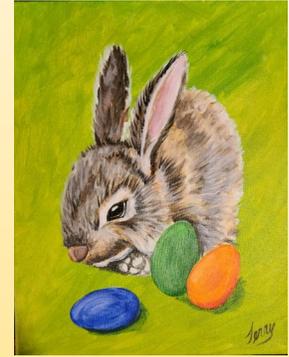
Parish Life Center (Church lower level), \$38 per person

We provide all the art supplies plus appetizers and desserts. You can bring your own favorite beverage.

Let your inner artist shine as we take you step by step through creating your own personal masterpiece on canvas in about 2 hours.

It is fun and simple and **No Experience is needed!**
Seating is limited so please register by Monday, March 28th.

R.S.V.P. to Terry Brennan at (484)678-4034 or Teresambrennan@comcast.net
Please make checks payable to: *Ladies Auxiliary of St. Pius X*



Boxes of Blessings

This year the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus is collecting nonperishable food items to be donated to The Bridge located at the Avon Grove Church of the Nazarene. Every Tuesday night the Bridge distributes food to our neighbors in need. Donations can be placed in the collection box in the ABVM Church vestibule starting on March 19th through to March 27th. All nonperishables are welcome, but the following items are needed most: **muffin mix, peanut butter, jelly, toilet paper, paper towels, pasta, and canned vegetables.** For questions, email Jen Hoffman at stpiusxaux@gmail.com.








COMMUNITY

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 9th

Assumption BVM Parish Center
(Rain or Shine) (Bring your own basket.)

10:00AM: 1 & 2 YEAR OLDS • 10:20AM: 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS
10:40AM: KINDERGARTEN • 11:00AM: 1ST, 2ND, 3RD GRADE

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LENTEN WALK WITH JESUS for Children



The **Children's Liturgy of the Word** team invites you to bring your children to a special program focused on the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. **Prayer, song, and crafts** will be enjoyed by young children as they rotate through four faith-and-fun stations, each with a different Christ-centered lesson and activity.

Saturday, March 26, 2022

5:30 pm Drop-Off; 8:00 pm Pick-up

ABVM Parish Life Center (Church Lower Level)

Who? Children ages 4 to 10 (Please, no children under 4.)

Why? We love our parish children! We want them to love Jesus!

Yes! I would love for my kids to attend!
What should I do?



1. Register by **this Sunday, March 20th** so that we prepare the correct number of materials. Sign up in the narthex after Mass, contact Lisa Goldstein at 443-690-1276, or kidsmass@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org.
2. We need adult volunteers with SAFE environment clearances and an enthusiasm for young children and our faith! Let Lisa know by phone or email if you are able to help.
3. On the evening of the event, families are encouraged to attend the 4:30 pm Mass together and then bring their children downstairs to the Parish Life Center. Pizza and Juice/Water will be provided for the children after sign-in. (Please pack a meal for your child if he/she has allergies or is on a gluten-free diet).

FORMED.org

PICK OF THE WEEK

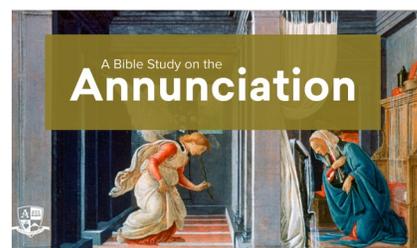
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LEARN

A BIBLE STUDY ON THE ANNUNCIATION

In the video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26-38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's "Yes" in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.

To set up a free account, visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.



**** Disciple Maker Index Survey ****

Please Read and Help!



All parishioners, high school age and older, are invited to participate in a parish survey conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute. The Survey is **LIVE** and will be open until **April 4th**. To access the survey, please visit the link <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/kpc432>

If you prefer a paper copy, you may pick up the survey after Mass in the Narthex of the Church and return it to the box located on the table in the narthex. For questions, please call 610-869-2722 or DonnaABVM@comcast.net.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible so we need your help!

A few key points:

- + The survey takes 10-15 minutes to complete and will provide a great benefit to both our parish and to you, personally.
- + All responses are confidential. The survey can be accessed online from March 2 - April 4 using the link above or by completing the paper copy of the survey in the Church narthex.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

Participate in the Global Synod in March and April – Register Today!



Don't miss the opportunity to participate in the local synodal process. Archbishop Pérez is inviting all Catholics to attend an engagement session throughout the archdiocese in March and April. Participants can attend any of the 26 engagement sessions held at a variety of times and locations, including nine sessions offered virtually on Zoom and 16 sessions offered in-person at parishes throughout the five-county area. Registration is necessary to ensure adequate space for in-person sessions or to receive a Zoom link or webinar information via email for the virtual sessions. A local session will be conducted at **St. Cornelius Parish**, 1060 Ridge Road in Chadds Ford on Saturday, April 2nd, 9 am to 11 am.

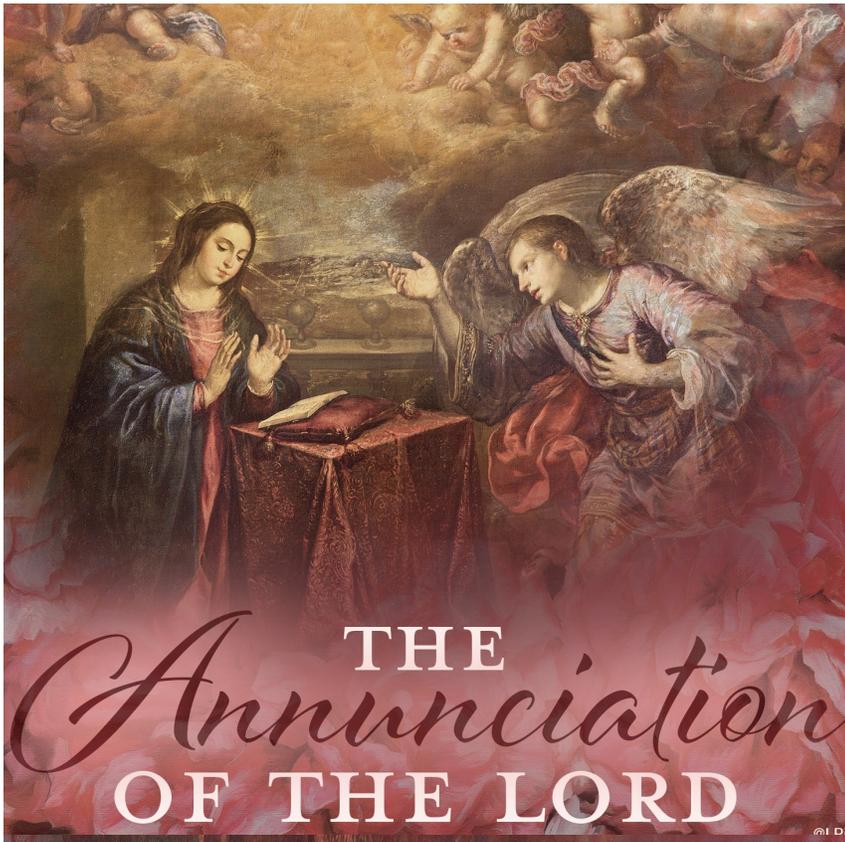
Pope Francis invites the whole Church to participate in the preparatory process for the upcoming Synod of Bishops on Synodality. This unprecedented opportunity will facilitate discussion and reflection to help shape the Church's understanding of herself and her mission of evangelization and forming disciples. For more information and to register for an engagement session, go to: <https://archphila.org/synod/>

St. Patrick Cemetery Cleanup

It's time for Spring cleanup at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Kennett Square. The work will begin on Monday, March 28th. If you want to claim anything you may have placed on the grave during the winter, please do so now. It is suggested that Palm and Easter flowers not be placed until after the Spring cleanup is complete on April 4th.



Then Jesus said to all, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." - Luke 9:23



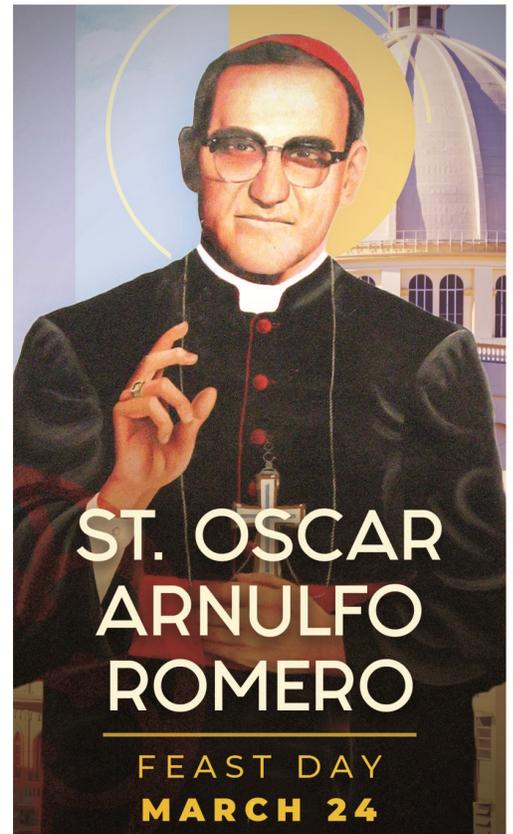
*The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary; and she conceived by the Holy Spirit. **Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.** Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of death. Amen.*

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2022

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent
- Wednesday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
- Friday:** **The Annunciation of the Lord**
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent

Inspiration for the Week-Live the Liturgy

God clearly reveals his identity as “I AM WHO I AM.” God, who is really beyond all names, is the One who simply “is” as the ground of all being. This ever-existing, uncreated, and all-encompassing presence of unconditional God, who is Love, is very patient as he waits for us to grow and change. God is so near to us that it is easy to miss his presence. As true love requires, God seeks a devoted, intimate, free, and exclusive relationship with each of us. As we walk through the parched, desert experiences of our lives it is easily in our thirst for water and a respite from the heat that we reach for and construct idols that will bring us immediate relief and satisfaction. These false gods, made out of our comforts and earthly desires, can quickly take the place of the One who really has first dibs on our hearts. Humans have often wandered far away from God as St. Paul reminds us. In helping each other cultivate and fertilize the ground upon which we walk, God gives us yet another chance to bear fruit and return.



When St. Oscar Romero was appointed Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, his country was in chaos. Many people in El Salvador were living in poverty, while a smaller elite group controlled all political and economic power. In 1980, El Salvador broke out in a 12-year civil war that left over 75,000 people dead. St. Oscar Romero set up pastoral programs to assist the victims of oppression. He also became an outspoken advocate for human rights, appealing to the Salvadoran military to stop killing their own citizens.

On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was murdered while celebrating Mass in El Salvador. A car pulled up outside, and a gunman fired a single shot straight into St. Oscar Romero’s heart. Calling him a “a martyr for the faith” nearly 40 years later, Pope Francis canonized him in 2018. For the occasion, Pope Francis chose to wear the same blood-stained belt that Romero was wearing at the altar when he died.



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| Clams Casino – 36 pack | | x \$50 | Equals | |
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Please make checks payable to: *Knights of Columbus Council 3858*. Return forms to the Knights after Mass, March 20th through April 3rd, or mail to: K of C Crab Cakes, C/O Tony Umlah, 4 Orchard Ct., Landenberg, PA 19350 (Mail orders must be received by Saturday, April 2nd). Call Tony Umlah at 610-255-4723 for questions.

Orders must be received by Sunday, April 3, 2022

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
CLOTHING DRIVE
www.SVdPPickup.org

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022



Assumption BVM Parish in West Grove will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, **Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the ABVM Church parking lot.**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be using the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the **GreenDrop** truck in the church parking lot by the playground where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs & videos are also accepted. Unfortunately, **furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted.** For a full list of acceptable items, visit www.gogreendrop.com

Holy Face of Jesus Presentation



Saturday, March 26, 2022

National Centre for Padre Pio
 111 Barto Road, Barto, PA
www.padrepio.org; call 610-845-300

Presentation: 12 pm – 1:30 pm
 (10:30 am Latin Mass/11:30 am Rosary)

The extremely delicate transparent cloth woven from byssus fiber with the image of our Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ has been housed in a reliquary for centuries in the Basilica of the Volto Santo (Holy Face) in a small Italian town called Manoppello in Italy. Visit us at the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA and learn about this remarkable image and Servant of God, Padre Domenico da Cese, O.F.M. Capuchin who is considered its new discoverer and first ambassador.

***CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL MASS** (March 21, 2022, 7 pm, Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, Philadelphia) The Catholic Charities Appeal Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated by Archbishop Perez.

***COME & SEE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND for Post High School Men** (March 25-27, 2022) Come and See events offer men considering a vocation the opportunity to visit St. Charles Borromeo Seminary to see what seminary life is like and explore a possible call to the priesthood. To register, please contact Father Friel, Vocation Director, at fr.dfriel@aqrchphila.org.

***NIGHT AT THE RACES** (March 26, 2022, 6 pm, Sacred Heart Church, Oxford, PA) Join us for an evening of food, fun, and excitement! Admission: \$30 each. For tickets, visit sacredheart.us.

***MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DAY** (April 2, 2022, 9 am-5 pm, Cardinal O'Hara High School) Enjoy a day with your spouse or fiancé as you listen to a lineup of dynamic speakers who will help strengthen your marriage bond. Events include Mass with Bishop McIntyre, and continental breakfast, lunch and fellowship. To register or for information, please visit <https://phi.marriagesofgrace.org/events>.

***MASS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES** (April 24, 2022, 2:30 pm, Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia) The main celebrant will be Archbishop Nelson Perez.

***ARCHDIOCESAN FAMILY FESTIVAL** (April 30, 2022, 9 am to 4:30 pm, Cardinal O'Hara High School) Speakers include Archbishop Perez, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Mike and Alicia Hernon from The Messy Family Project, Carazon Puro and the Philadelphia Catholic Gospel Mass Choir. Visit <https://phillycatholiclife.org>.

***QUO VADIS DAYS** (June 27-30, 2022, Black Rock Retreat Center, Quarryville, PA) This camp offers high school men the opportunity to grow and remain active in their faith and to interact with other young men of faith from around the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. For registration information, visit heedthecall.org/quovadis.

***CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** (October 22, 2022, National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA) *Save the date!* The conference will be back in its fullness with keynote speakers, breakout sessions, Mass with the Archbishop, Confessions, food and vendors. Speakers, theme and registration will be announced in May. Stay tuned to the website <https://www.catholicwomensconference.org>.

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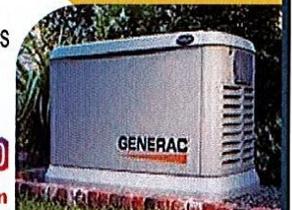
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