

# The Parish of the Holy Family

ALL ARE WELCOME

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 2022

**“Eucharistic Revival”: “Why do they do that?”**

As we are now into the 2<sup>nd</sup> month of our nation’s “Eucharistic Revival,” let’s now consider some people’s questions about Mass rituals:

*“Why does the priest wash his hands before the prayer over the gifts at the altar?”* Although it may seem obvious (washing one’s hands before handling food to wipe away germs), there is a more spiritual reason behind this priestly action. As he washes his hands over the bowl called the lavabo (Latin for “I shall wash”), the priest quietly prays: “Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.” Thus, the priest is asking God to purify his soul, so that he may worthily offer sacrifice on behalf of God’s children who gather in the celebration.

*“Why do people bow or genuflect as they approach to receive Communion?”* This is done as a sign of deep reverence for the gift of Christ Himself who is present in the Holy Communion that we’re about to receive.

*“Why do we have a Penitential Rite near the beginning of Mass?”* After the sign of the cross and the greeting, the presiding priest leads people to quietly & briefly reflect on any sins they may have committed. Then the priest or deacon often speaks a three-part formula, with the people echoing his words of “Lord, have mercy/Christ, have mercy/Lord, have mercy.” An alternative formula is the “Confiteor” (so named for the 1<sup>st</sup> word in the Latin translation of this prayer, meaning “I confess.”) This prayer reads: “I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.” After either formula, Christ offers His merciful forgiveness in the person of the presiding priest through these words, expressing our hope: “May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.” Through this, worshippers ask God to purify their lives from any sinful thoughts, words or deeds, in order to more worthily celebrate the sacred mysteries in the Mass.

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### Mission Statement

The Parish of the Holy Family is devoted to sharing the kingdom of God: making disciples through word, worship, fellowship, service, and love.

### Weekday Mass Times

|           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| Monday    | 9:00AM |
| Tuesday   | 9:00AM |
| Wednesday | 9:00AM |
| Thursday  | 7:30AM |
| Friday    | 9:00AM |

### Weekend Mass Times

|          |                    |
|----------|--------------------|
| Saturday | 4:00PM             |
| Sunday   | 9:00AM             |
|          | 11:30AM Vietnamese |
|          | 5:00PM             |

### Office Phone Number:

(585) 247-4322

### Office Hours

Monday–Friday 9AM-3PM  
(or by appointment)

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If you are seeking the following Sacraments, please call the office.

- Reconciliation
- Baptism
- Marriage
- RCIA

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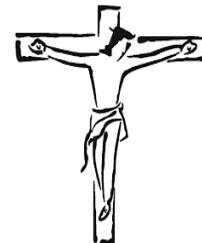
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# MASS INTENTIONS



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In Memory of:  
**FAUSTO MANCINI**  
by Mancini Family



## Saturday/Sunday, July 23/24

8:00AM Vietnamese Mass  
4:00PM +Florence Di Laura by Anita  
+William Gagnier by Jean Black  
+Gina Salvia by Rosa Arena  
+Sam Cignarale  
by Mary Anne & Robert Hewitt  
9:00AM +All Parishioners  
11:30AM-FM Vietnamese Mass  
5:00PM +Tom Hosie by Jeanette Domenick

Preacher: Fr. Martin - 4PM, 9AM, 5PM

## Monday, July 25 Saints Joachim and Anne

9:00AM +Bernie Heyden  
by Wife & Family  
6:00PM Vietnamese Mass



## Tuesday, July 26

9:00AM +++Lena Ricciardi  
6:00PM Vietnamese Mass

## Wednesday, July 27

9:00AM +Tom Hosie by Bill & Dodie Mickelson

## Thursday, July 28

7:30AM +Debbie Bockstedt by Husband, Gary  
+Tom Hosie by Rosie & John Moynihan  
6:00PM Vietnamese Mass

## Friday, July 29

9:00AM +Deceased Members of Frascatore Family  
by Family  
+Tom Hosie  
by Siamo, Tannous & Zeppetella Families  
6:00PM Vietnamese Mass

## Saturday/Sunday, July 30/ 31

8:00AM Vietnamese Mass  
4:00PM +All Parishioners  
9:00AM +Mary Donnelly by Family  
+Shirley DeBalski by Cheryl Daubner  
+Thomas Romeo by Gary Maccaroni  
11:30AM-FM Vietnamese Mass  
5:00PM - +Sandro Pietropaolo by Mom & Family  
+Tom Hosie by Sal & Linda Sorbello  
+Louis Nitti by Sister, Rose L'Abbate

Preacher: Deacon Binh - 4PM, 9AM, 5PM

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**Pope Francis on Compassion:**

"The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness."

"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."

"Too often we participate in the globalization of indifference. May we strive instead to live global solidarity."

"Let us care for one another and let us be loving custodians of creation." (2nd Tweet as Pope)

"Kindness is firm and persevering intention to always will the good of others, even the unfriendly."

"We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace."

"We will never be disillusioned or lose our way if we are guided by God."

"We all have the duty to do good."

"Grace is not part of consciousness; it is the amount of light in our souls, not knowledge nor reason."



Everyone can use more prayer. Anyone, regardless of age, can request a prayer for any purpose-spiritual, physical, emotional health, loss of a loved one, or family problems.

**To activate the Prayer Tree, call the parish office at 247-4322** with the person's first name and a brief description of their need. Soon, many people will be praying for your concern. *Anyone who would like to be a part of this ministry can call the parish office.*



*What do I leave behind? How will I be remembered? To create a legacy, you can begin by pre-planning your own funeral and conveying your wishes to your executor, spouse, children, and loved ones. Have you taken some time to consider this?*

There are many worthy charities that hold great importance and personal connection to a family. For that reason, if a Catholic attends church every week and holds a great importance to have his or her life and death celebrated with a Funeral Mass, is it not also important to consider the church as a possible charity for a donation?

As you make your arrangements, please take into account the significance your faith has held in your life. When you draw up your Last Will and Testament and plan for your funeral, remember the importance of including your church in those plans. Your devotion to your beliefs and church can be honored by making sure the Parish of the Holy Family is listed as one of your charities. Request that donation envelopes be made available at your Wake and Funeral Mass. Also, when writing up the obituary for the newspaper (or website), include these words: "Please consider making a donation to The Parish of the Holy Family in lieu of flowers. Remember: the legacy of your gift and gifts from family and friends will help provide the financial strength to continue the good works of the church you held so dear in sharing the Good News of our Lord."



Being homebound can make a person feel very isolated and disconnected.

If you, or someone you know, would like to receive a bulletin or a card in the mail, please call the parish office and leave a name and an address. Our "Card Ministry" would be delighted to reach out to those who may be lonely and would feel blessed by receiving something in the mail.

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It is important to recognize that we are all sinners in need of our Savior Jesus Christ, and we humbly beseech God to mercifully forgive and cleanse us, so that we may more readily live the holy life that Jesus calls us to live through our Baptism. As St. Paul wrote in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians: "Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup." (11:27-28) Keep in mind that this Rite doesn't replace the Sacrament of Reconciliation, although venial (less serious) sins are forgiven and absolved during the Mass celebration. Mortal sins must be brought to the confessional before receiving Communion.

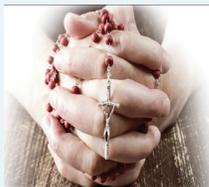
*"Why do Catholics strike their breast during the Confiteor in the Penitential Rite?"* This tapping on one's breast 3 times with a clenched fist occurs when the part of "through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault" is said. It symbolizes repentance—to bring to light any hidden sins seated in our hearts, so that God may purify us and make us more worthy to celebrate Mass. Luke records this gesture in 18:13 (the tax collector repenting) and in 23:48 (witnesses to Jesus' death returning home).



**Volunteers are needed to help clean the Rectory. Cleaning is done on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM for about one hour. If you would like to help, please contact Rochelle at 585-247-0938. [Rochelleb@frontiernet.net](mailto:Rochelleb@frontiernet.net)**

#### **ROSARY AFTER MORNING MASS**

When we pray the Rosary, we approach Christ through Mary – His Mother and our Mother – because of her special connection with Him and with us. The rosary is just one of the beautiful devotions to Mary that we as Catholics practice. We will pray the Rosary **after our 9:00 Morning Mass**. Please join us. All are welcome!



#### **SATURDAY BEFORE MASS**

We will also be praying the Rosary to prepare our spirit and mind for Mass on Saturdays before the 4PM Mass. We start promptly at 3:15PM. We will meet in the Chapel. If the Chapel cannot accommodate us, due to over-



#### **PRO-LIFE REFLECTION**

The Lord sustains the poor, but humbles the wicked in the dust.

—Ps 147:6

#### **Reflection:**

*In 1941 German Cardinal Clemens von Galen preached against the Nazi euthanasia program.*

*He declared, "These numerous cases of unexpected death in the case of the insane are not natural, but often deliberately caused, and result from the belief that it is lawful to take away life which is unworthy of being lived... Once admit the right to kill unproductive persons...then none of us can be sure of his life."*

#### **Prayer:**

*Inspire Your preachers, Lord, with the courage we see in Cardinal von Galen.*



### Quote of the Week

In celebration of the memorial feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary's parents, Saints Joachim & Anne, on July 26<sup>th</sup>, consider this statement on marriage:

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together...That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other." (from U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops 2006 statement, "Married Love and the Gift of Love")



### Daily Mass Schedule Change in August

Please note that during the first week of August, there will be one change in the daily Mass schedule. The Thursday daily Mass time will change from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., beginning August 4<sup>th</sup>. This change is due to numerous parishioners' requests over the past few months for a later time on Thursdays and our desire, during this Eucharistic revival time in our nation, to try to increase participation in each of the daily Masses for a greater sense of community presence. The 9 a.m. Masses on the other weekdays have been regularly drawing over 50 people, while the 7:30 a.m. Thursday Masses over the last several months have only drawn anywhere from 12 to 16 people. Thus, the change for Thursdays will make all our weekdays consistent in their morning Mass time of 9 a.m., Monday thru Friday.



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### PLEASE REMEMBER . . .

HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules are in place to protect your private healthcare data. Because of this rule, we are not able to get information if you are admitted to the hospital.

If you would like a phone visit from our staff person while you are in the hospital, or would like to be anointed or prayed for by the Prayer Tree Ministry, please have a family member contact the parish office at 247-4322.



Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Aiden Bertino, Army             | James Calamita, Army        |
| Anthony Calamita, Army          | Daniel Davis, Army          |
| Martin DeBock, Army             | Antonio Garbanzo, Marines   |
| Russell Montante Jr., Air Force | Aimee Muscato-Bateman, Army |
| Michael Rigoni, Navy            | Michael Shott, Army         |
| Ethan Stott, Army               | Evan Stott, Navy            |
| Jason Bosch, Navy               | Andrew Zani, Army           |
| Christopher Decker, Navy        | Anthony Gionta, Army        |
| Quinn Calder, Army              | Ryan Principi, Air Force    |
| Jason Mickelson, Navy           |                             |



**WEEKLY EVENTS**

July 24-31, 2022

SUNDAY 24

MONDAY 25

TUESDAY 26

WEDNESDAY 27

THURSDAY 28

7PM-Blue Army Mass-CH

FRIDAY 29

SATURDAY 30

5:30PM Nocturnal Adoration

SUNDAY 31



The food cupboard is in place to help when needed. Your generosity is what helps us help others.



This week we need:



**This Week's Needs:**

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1- Butter      | 5- Mac & Cheese |
| 2- Pasta Sides | 6- Shampoo      |
| 3- Potato's    |                 |
| 4- Cereal      |                 |

*Thank you!*



**Cupboard hours:**

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
from 10 a.m. to Noon or by appointment



If you give some of your own food to [feed] those who are hungry and to satisfy [the needs of] those who are humble, then your light will rise in the dark, and your darkness will become as bright as the noonday sun.

~ Isaiah 58:10



- Church-CH
- Parish Life Center-PLC
- Parish Life Center/Library-LIB
- Office Building-Upper Level
- Conference Room-ULCR
- Office Building-Lower Level
- Main Hall-MH
- Office Building-Lower Level
- North Room-LLNR
- Office Building-Lower Level
- South Room-LLSR

# Youth Page



## FAMILY ZONE

### LEARN! CATHOLIC TRIVIA YOU MAY NOT KNOW!

Angels are a big part of our Christian faith. The standard classification of angels is owed to a sixth-century Syrian monk who grouped angels into three hierarchies. Thomas Aquinas, a famous theologian, also wrote about angels and used the same hierarchy. Three angels are named in scripture: Gabriel, Michael and Raphael. They are known as archangels who are sent on important missions by God. Angels also function as guardians and comforters. We have a prayer to our Guardian Angel that is a great one to teach children; especially when they are fearful. Here it is:

*“Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God’s love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side, to light, to guard, to rule, to guide. Amen.”*



## Chúa Nhật 17 Thường Niên

Hãy Xin Thì Sẽ Được !

Có nhiều định nghĩa khác nhau về cầu nguyện. Có người định nghĩa đơn giản là nâng tâm hồn lên cùng Thiên Chúa. Người khác cho cầu nguyện là thương lượng với Thiên Chúa. Người khác nữa cho cầu nguyện là nói chuyện với Thiên Chúa như hai người bạn nói chuyện với nhau. Và cũng có những người cho cầu nguyện là cầu xin những gì mình đang túng thiếu và cần Thiên Chúa ban ơn. Tất cả những định nghĩa trên đây nói lên một khía cạnh của cầu nguyện, tổng hợp tất cả cho chúng ta cái nhìn toàn bộ về việc cầu nguyện.

Trong Phúc Âm, Thiên Chúa dạy cho các môn đệ biết cách cầu nguyện cách xứng hợp qua Kinh Lạy Cha, và hai thái độ cần có trong khi cầu nguyện là tin tưởng và kiên trì. Có hai sự khác biệt giữa kinh Lạy Cha của Luca và Matthêu: Thứ nhất, trình thuật của Luca thiếu câu “ý Cha thể hiện dưới đất cũng như trên trời.” Thứ hai, trình thuật của Luca cũng thiếu câu “xin cứu chữa chúng con khỏi sự dữ.”

Cả hai trình thuật đều đặt sự quan trọng của việc cầu xin cho Danh Chúa được cả sáng và Nước Chúa được trị đến, trước khi hướng tới những nhu cầu căn bản của con người. Lương thực hằng ngày, sự tha thứ, và sức mạnh để vượt qua mọi cơn cám dỗ là ba điều quan trọng trong đời sống thường nhật của một Kitô hữu.

– **Kiên trì:** Ví dụ Chúa Giêsu đưa ra có mục đích đòi hỏi con người phải có thái độ kiên khi cầu nguyện. Truyền thống Do-thái rất hiếu khách, nhất là những khách từ xa tới. Người kêu xin bị đặt trong thế kẹt: một là chịu thất lễ với khách, hai là chịu làm phiền hàng xóm, anh đã chọn giải pháp thứ hai để bảo vệ sự sống cho người bạn mình.

Nhà của người Do-thái ngày xưa không rộng mà nhân số trong nhà lại đông, nên cả gia đình thường ngủ chung dưới sàn trên chăn chiếu. Vì thế, nếu một người phải thức và ra mở cửa sẽ làm cho những người khác phải thức theo. Đó là lý do người hàng xóm từ chối lúc đầu; nhưng khi anh bạn có khách cứ gõ và nói mãi, anh phải chỗi dậy lấy bánh cho mượn, không phải vì tình bạn; nhưng vì sự lý lợm của anh. Lúc này, chắc những người trong gia đình đang ngủ chung cũng đã thức dậy hết!

– **Tin tưởng:** Thái độ này còn quan trọng hơn cả thái độ kiên trì, vì nó là động lực giúp con người chạy đến với Thiên Chúa. Hầu như trong tất cả các phép lạ, Chúa Giêsu chỉ làm khi Ngài nhận thấy có dấu chỉ của niềm tin. Ngài từ chối không làm bất cứ phép lạ nào khi chỉ thấy sự cứng lòng hay thử thách.

Chúa Giêsu mời gọi các môn đệ so sánh người Cha trên trời với các người cha dưới đất: “Ai trong anh em là một người cha, mà khi con xin cá, thì thay vì cá lại lấy rắn mà cho nó? Hoặc nó xin trứng lại cho nó bò cạp? Vậy nếu anh em vốn là những kẻ xấu mà còn biết cho con cái mình của tốt của lành, phương chi Cha trên trời lại không ban Thánh Thần cho những kẻ kêu xin Người sao?”

Suy Niệm của Linh mục Anthony Đình Minh Tiên

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## ATTENDANCE/Financial

Budget: \$12,000  
 Collection for July 16/17  
 Total \$ 11,937  
 Variance \$ (63)  
 YTD Budget: \$ 660,000  
 YTD Actual: \$ 679,767  
 YTD Variance: \$ 19,767  
 Attendance: 858



Baptisms must be scheduled. Participation in an On-Line Baptism Preparation Class is necessary before your child is baptized. Please contact the office at least three months before the date you would like to celebrate this sacrament. Contact Sue Hosie at 247-4322 x108.

### Summer Recipes—Tortellini Salad

- Ready In: **1 hour 50 mins**
- Prep: **50 mins**  
Servings: **11.5 cups**
- 1 pkg (20 oz) Pkg. Cheese Tortellini , cooked per pkg directions, cooled
- 1 Red Bell Pepper, cored, seeded, thinly sliced (about 1 cup)
- 1 red onion, peeled, thinly sliced (about 1 cup)
- 1 bunch (about 1 lb.) asparagus, trimmed, cut in 1 1/2 -inch pieces
- 2 Tbsp Basting Oil, divided
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 organic zucchini, trimmed, 1 jar (6.7 oz) Italian Basil Pesto Sauce
- 1/2 tsp Tabasco Pepper Sauce
- 15 Basil, finely sliced
- 3 Tbsp pine nuts, toasted

### A PRAYER FOR Ukraine



God of love,  
 Our world is wrought with war and violence,  
 as brother turns on brother,  
 and the innocent awake to gunfire and bombs.  
 May Your compassion and healing  
 move hearts and bring a new day to Ukraine.  
 Fortify your children to resist aggression  
 and instead become instruments of peace.  
 We ask this in the name of the One  
 who is the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.



*Amen.*



1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Toss pepper, onions, asparagus, and 1 Tbsp basting oil in large bowl; season with salt and pepper. Arrange in single layer on parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Roast, about 20 min, turning halfway through. Remove from baking sheet; set aside.
2. Toss zucchini and remaining basting oil in large bowl; season with salt and pepper. Arrange in single layer on parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Roast, about 12 min, until tender but not browned. Add zucchini to roasted veggies; chill 1 hour.
3. Add tomatoes, pesto, Tabasco sauce, basil, pine nuts, roasted veggies, and cooked tortellini to large bowl; toss gently to combine. Season with salt and pepper. Serve chilled.

## Reflecting On Next Sunday's Readings

July 31, 2022 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: – Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 / 2nd Reading: – Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 / Gospel: – Luke 12:13-21

Perhaps no other passage in Scripture confronts the philosophy of America more, than does next week's Gospel Reading: "a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." America's culture, impacted by the business of advertising, and sped along through the means of mass media, has sold the majority of Americans a false bill of goods. Whether it is the poor and disenfranchised seeking to make a dollar, legally or illegally, or the multi-billionaire endeavoring to make another billion, ethically or unethically, the majority of people believe that, "If I had the money to buy what I need and want, I would be happy." Sadly, most of Jesus' followers have also succumbed to this deception and subscribe to this vain philosophy.

It does not take an unusually astute observer of life to note that this philosophy is a lie. Some of the most wealthy of our society demonstrate by their dysfunctional lifestyles that possessions do not satisfy and wealth does not secure happiness. When they die, and they all do, and people ask, "How much did he leave?" the answer is always the same, "He left it all."

This week's first reading points out the futility of living a life for things. After all the work, pain, and unbridled ambition to accumulate has ended, all that was accumulated is divided between the government and the heirs, many of whom would give it all up for a better relationship with the person who left it. The funerals for these people are always sad, reflecting the vanity of their lives, and an empty eternity. Unfortunately, it is not only the wealthy that end on this sad note.

Someone has rightly said, "**Our life does not consist in what we possess, but in what (or who) possesses us.**" The believer in Christ, who is possessed by a deep and sincere love for Jesus, and a passion to serve him, stands out in sharp contrast to this culture of self and greed. Some believers spend their lives refuting this philosophy by abandoning the time and energy it takes to pursue the accumulation of things. Instead, they give themselves to serving God and people, and promoting a life of peace, purpose and joy through knowing and serving Christ. Having set their hearts on the things of Christ they look forward to the next life as a place of spiritual reward that makes the possessions of this world look paltry. Their funerals, attended by those whose lives they have touched, are always a joyful celebration of meaningful relationships. Such a celebration is foreign and unimaginable to the people enslaved to the pursuit of happiness through possessions, yet, they look with longing at the peace and joy of those being celebrated.

Two very strong phrases are used in this week's Scriptures, and they beg a response from us. The first from Ecclesiastes is "All is vanity," the second from Jesus in Luke's Gospel is, "But God said to him, 'Fool!'" Will we be a fool and give our life to the vanity of accumulating possessions and in the end have neither possessions in this life, nor treasures in the life to come. If not, to what (to whom) shall we give our life, and how shall we lay up treasures in the life to come?

"When the Word is choked, it is not merely due to the thorns as such, but to the negligence of those allowing them to spring up. There is a way, if there is a will, to hinder evil growth and use wealth appropriately. For this reason, He warned not of 'the world' but of the 'cares of the world'; not 'riches' as such but 'the deceitfulness of riches.' Let us not place the blame on what we possess but on our own corrupt mind. For it is possible to be rich and not be deceived. It is possible to be in this world, and not be choked with its cares. For indeed riches have two contrary disadvantages; one, anxiety over them, wearing us out, and spreading darkness over us; and the other, luxury, which makes us soft..." (from Chrysostom in *Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture; Vol II*)

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