

# THE PARISH OF ST. THERESA

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JANUARY 18, 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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#### Parish Office Business Hours

Monday through Friday: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Closed for lunch: 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

#### PARISH STAFF

##### Pastor

Rev. Selvam J. Asirvatham  
(Rev. Gerry Johnson)

##### Parochial Vicar

Rev. Dean Gaudio

##### Weekend Assistant

Rev. Phillip Pflieger

##### Deacons

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Deacon Jay Werling

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Joana Schmidt

##### Director of Music

Joe Dalton

##### Parish Finance Manager/HR

Chris Gile

##### Facilities Manager

Michael Gavina

##### Trustees

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am (*Daily Chapel*)

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm & Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am & 11:30 am

#### Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm & Holy Day Mass: 8:00 am & 12:15 pm

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm & By appointment

#### DAILY PRAYER & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Main Church and the Daily Chapel are opened for private prayer Monday through Friday, 7:30 am - 4:00 pm. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration (in the Daily Chapel) Fridays after the 8:00 am Mass and concludes with Evening Prayer & Benediction at 4:00 pm.

#### PARISH LIFE

“The Church draws her life from the Eucharist. This truth does not simply express a daily experience of faith, but recapitulates *the heart of the mystery of the Church.*” (St. John Paul - *On the Eucharist & Its Relationship to the Church*). At the parish of St. Theresa, we strive to embody these words that describe the centrality of the Eucharist for the life and mission of the Church.

We welcome you to join us as we gather to celebrate our faith and worship God. Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, or race, you are a Child of God and you are welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at the Church of St. Theresa.

**REGISTRATION:** We invite you to officially register as a member of our parish community. By registering you declare your desire to be part of our Catholic community and you are able to stay closely connected with the life of the parish. In order to register, please call or stop by the Parish Office.



WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please remember in your prayers all those members of our parish family and our friends who continuously suffer physically, emotionally, and/or spiritually, and those who tirelessly care for them. Let us especially remember those currently in need of our prayers: *Kevin Brady, Kim Coyle, Maureen Dwyer, Johnny Favro, Mary Ann Geoghegan, Chuck Griffin, Peter Hummel, Justin Marchese, Ro McLaughlin, Art Midgley, Peter Mills, Rev. William Modlin, Rita Murray, Rota O’Neill, Andrew Joseph Ragusa, Samantha Saraceno, Valerie Schaffer, Nick Steiger.*



WE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of *Veronica Pendergast*. May she find eternal rest in peace with God our Father.



WE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please remember in your prayers all those members of our parish family and our friends who are currently deployed, especially: *Sr. Boatswain Gabrielle Fest, LCPI Christopher Hansen, Airman Staff Sgt. Frank J. Kowalewski, Jr., Airmen Tech Sgt. Amanda Keller, Lt. Jennifer LaFalace, FC2 Paul R. Lund, Pvt. Anthony Mackiewicz, Jr., Pvt. Logan Mora, Sgt. John Murray, USMC, Staff Sgt. Michael Novelli, Spec. Jeffrey Peterson, Jr., Nicholas Roesch, Capt. Amanda Southard, LCDR Christopher J. Worosz, USN, Lt. Matthew A. Worosz, USN.* May the Lord protect them as they protect us.



WE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

*Heavenly Father, your harvest needs good and faithful men to tend to its many needs. Open their minds and hearts to respond to your call to be priests of and for the Diocese of Trenton, in imitation of your Son Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd of your flock. Amen.* Follow us on Instagram: **TrentonMakesPriests**



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are held the first and third Sunday of each month at 1:00 PM. Arrangements must be made in person at the Parish Office at least two months in advance. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Prep Class.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance. Preparations include sessions with a member of the clergy and attendance at a Pre-Cana Conference. For more information, please call the Parish Office.



THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us there is **no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.** A careful judgment about the serious nature of an illness is sufficient. *“Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived.”*<sup>130</sup> We welcome anyone who has a physical condition, is anticipating entering the hospital for surgery or tests, or under any emotional distress to avail themselves of this beautiful Sacrament. Please call the Parish Office to schedule the Sacrament with a priest. Please do not wait until the very last minute to call.



# Mass Intentions

## MASSES FOR THIS WEEKEND:

### SATURDAY – January 17, 2026

4:00 PM – Florence M. Marasso/ The Lorraines  
 Thomas & Haydee Chizan/ Adriana Chizan  
 Shawn Anthony Pluta/ Carol Owens  
 June Stiers/ The Lorraines

### SUNDAY – January 18, 2026

7:30 AM – Rose May/ Beverly Holmes  
 Fr. Gregory Lyttle/ Nancy & Jim Janet Wyrsh/ Pam Camiscioni  
 Kim Herbert/ Eileen Dolan

9:00 AM – Connie Gargone/ Maggie Williams  
 Raymond Heikel/ Keeler Family  
 Margaret Hein/ Keeler Family  
 Marlene Kiefer/ Mr. & Mrs., Skelly

11:30 AM – Jim Sparks/ Linda & Bill Zachary  
 David Davis/ Barbara O'Brien  
 Joseph Wood/ Ray & Mazie Wood  
 Paula Bates/ Marie Lacharite



### Bread & Wine

*In Memory of: Rev. Mick Lambeth*  
 Requested by: Friends

### Sanctuary Light

*In Memory of: Peter Compitello*  
 Requested By: Eileen



## Readings for Next Weekend

January 25, 2026

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Reading I: Isaiah 8:23-9:3*

*Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17*

*Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23*

## MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

### MONDAY – January 19, 2026

8:00 AM – Elizabeth Long-Furia/ Ed & Dorothy Novak  
 (L) Rev. John Large/ Vincent & Grace Ruffino

### TUESDAY – January 20, 2026

8:00 AM – Rita Zarro/ Marie Adderly  
 William Robert Armitage/ Deppen Family

### WEDNESDAY- January 21, 2026

8:00 AM – Rose May/ Marianne & Michael Hoover  
 Barbara Novotny/ Mary & Jay Krai

### THURSDAY – January 22, 2026

8:00 AM – Miguel Torres/ Jack & Lorraine  
 Richard Kmak/ Diane Wolny

### FRIDAY – January 23, 2026

8:00 AM – William Moran/ Moran Family  
 Shawn Anthony Pluta/ Allison Pagano

### SATURDAY – January 24, 2026

4:00 PM – Catherine Howard/ The Lorraines  
 Shawn Anthony Pluta/ The Lorraines  
 David Davis/ Wanda Soehngen  
 Rose Ann May/ Wanda Soehngen

### SUNDAY – January 25, 2026

7:30 AM – Susan Mawdsley/ Millie & Phil Cross  
 Michael Catrambone/ Maureen Geraldine Paolino/ Veneida Berardocco  
 Rose May/ Arlene Murray

9:00 AM – Frank Mellana/ Pat & Nancy Manganello  
 Antoinette Raia/ Fran & Victor Vitello  
 Josephine & Joseph Richard/  
 Marianne & Michael Hoover  
 Glenn Codner/ Jeff & Grace Green

11:30 AM – Marlene Kiefer/ Dowd Family  
 Joseph Wood/ Joe & Pat Clarey  
 David Davis/ Peggy & Bill Murphy  
 Paul Ewing/ Deborah Tetra & Joseph Zagaro

# JANUARY

## THIS WEEK

### Monday, January 19, 2026

*Parish Office Closed*

*Al-Anon 7:15 PM*

(Faith Formation Center)

### Tuesday, January 20, 2026

*Adult Faith Formation 9:30 AM*

(Faith Formation Center)

*Scriptural Rosary 1:30 PM (Daily Chapel)*

*Seven Sorrows Rosary 3:00 PM (Church)*

*OCIA 7:00 PM*

### Wednesday, January 21, 2026

*Scripture Study 9:15 AM (Daily Chapel)*

*Choir Practice 7:00 PM (Church)*

### Thursday, January 22, 2026

*Adult Faith Formation 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM*

(Faith Formation Center)

### Friday, January 23, 2026

*Seven Sorrows Rosary 3:00 PM (Daily Chapel)*

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

*8:30 - 4:00 PM*

*Evening Prayer with Benediction 4:00 PM*

(Daily Chapel)

### Saturday, January 24, 2026

*K of C Wing Sale Orders*

*Monthly 50/50 Tickets on Sale*

***SUPER EASTER 50/50 on Sale***

(Gathering Space)

### Sunday, January 25, 2026

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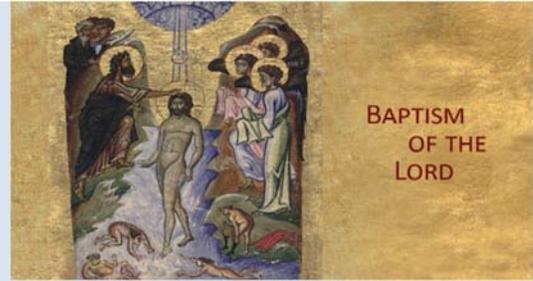
*Children's Faith Formation 9:00 AM*

(Church & Faith Formation Center)

*Respect Life Ministry Recitation of the Rosary*

*after 11:30 AM Mass*

(Daily Chapel)



## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

This reading is a short passage from the second song of the Servant of the Lord. The Lord will show his glory through His servant whose mission is to restore Israel and bring salvation “to the ends of the earth.”

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul sends greetings to the people of Corinth, who have been called to be holy and consecrated in Christ.

### Gospel: John 1:29-34

When Jesus visits John, John recognizes Jesus as the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” John further indicates that Jesus is truly the Messiah and “God’s chosen One.”

### Consider & Reflect

*“John testified further saying, ‘I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whomever, you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.’”*

As happened last week, we are still at the Jordan, observing the sign of the presence of the Spirit. Isn’t it a powerful moment, when John the Evangelist in his first chapter quotes the Baptist saying, ‘*He is the Son of God*’.

The Baptist said he did not know Him. This is what we believe! How well do we know Jesus, not just about Jesus? Do I know Him as well as He knows me? Open the bible, read the word, join a discussion group. Jesus and His Spirit will join you.



### Liturgical Ministers Schedule

**Saturday, January 24, 2026- 4:00 PM**

**CELEBRANT:** Fr. Cyril Johnson/Deacon Jay Werling

**READER:** Eileen Wertz

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Kim Werling, Raelyn Lewis

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION:** Sue Eggert, John Kern, Jack Stewart,  
Pat O'Hara, Lorraine Schaefer, Barbara Ragusa

**Sunday, January 25, 2026- 7:30 AM**

**CELEBRANT:** Fr. Phil Pfleger/Deacon Jay Werling

**READER:** Nancy Newman

**ALTAR SERVER:** Jack Wurth

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION:** Mary Schneider, Arlene Murray,  
Ginny Biely, Jim Newman

**Sunday, January 25, 2026- 9:00 AM**

**CELEBRANT:** Fr. Dean Gaudio/Deacon Jay Werling

**READER:** Todd Lund

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Jillie Aucoin, Zachary Aucoin

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION:** Kathy Barnemann, Terry Walsh, Gail  
Buffi, Suzanne Hughes, Justin Peticolas, David  
Laskowski

**Sunday – January 25, 2026- 11:30 AM**

**CELEBRANT:** Fr. Dean Gaudio/Deacon Jay Werling

**READER:** Donna Majchrzak

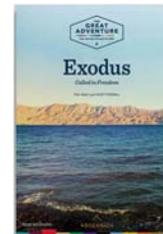
**ALTAR SERVERS:** Josh Greene, Justin McCarthy

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION:** Mila Daproza, Desiree Ott, Cathy  
Brys, Jacqueline Arduini, Nelida Kuhlman, Rose  
Wilson

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Adult Faith Formation Team will offer  
a ten-week study on  
**Exodus: Called to Freedom**



The study began  
**Tuesday, January 13, 2026 - 9:30 am**  
and  
**Thursday, January 15, 2026**  
**9:30 am OR 7:00 pm**

Discover how the Exodus story is not just  
Israel's story, but also our own, as it reveals  
who God is and what He calls us to be.  
Discover the divine purpose behind the  
plagues on Egypt and explore how God's law  
reflects his love and concern for us.

Produced by Ascension Press, Exodus will  
consist of 10 sessions, each featuring a 30-  
minute DVD presentation followed by a table  
discussion and a question-and-answer follow-  
up. **The cost is \$35.00**  
Please call MJ at 304-268-4816 if interested



### COLLECTION ENVELOPES

If you were unable to pick up your envelopes from  
the Church, you may pick them up at the Parish  
Office during office hours.

**If you are going away this winter, please let us  
know and we will hold your envelopes until you  
return.**

*If you have any questions, please call Katrina at  
the Parish Office at Ext. 232.*



**SUPERBOWL WING SALE**

*The Knights of Columbus  
will be selling wings for Super Bowl Sunday!*

Preorder your wings the weekends of:

**January 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**

*and*

**January 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

after all the Masses in the Gathering Space

**Cost: \$15.00 a dozen with  
Discounts for multiple dozens purchased**

The wings will be a deep-fried dry rub with a choice of three sauces: BBQ, Ranch and/or Blue Cheese.

**St. Theresa's MONTHLY 50/50 Raffle**



Tickets are on sale after all the Masses in the **Gathering Space** and at the Parish Office during office hours.

The next drawing will be held **February 3, 2026 at 10:00 AM** at the Parish Office.

*We hope you will support this fundraiser!*



**Winter Collection**

*January 10 & 11, 2026*

**\$3,782.00**

**Collection for January 10 & 11, 2026**

**\$10,636.00**

**Contributions Online**

*(includes other donations)*

**\$5,630.92**

*Thank you to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and its ministries!*

**50/50**

**A NEW EASTER SUPER 50/50**

**Drawing to be held  
after the Easter Vigil**

*Book of 4 tickets - \$100.00*

**3 CHANCES TO WIN**

**25% - 15% - 10%**

**On sale after all the Masses every weekend  
in the Gathering Space.**

***We hope you will support this fundraiser!***



**FOOD PANTRY**

**609-296-1345**

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday**

**2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**Items needed this month:**

**TOILET PAPER**

*Hamburger Helper type packaged products, ravioli, canned soups, canned pastas, rice side dishes, cake mixes and frosting, small jars of mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, peanut butter, jelly, pancake syrup, pancake mix, apple juice, and pasta.*

***Thank you!***



**PARISH OFFICE VOLUNTEER**

**Needed!**

We are looking for volunteer receptionists for our Parish Office. Hours are 8:30 AM - 12 Noon or 1:00 – 4:00 PM. If you could help, please contact Katrina in the parish office at 609-296-2504 ext. 232



**FUNDRAISER**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**ALL DAY**

Visit the store at 418 Rt. 9 South  
 Little Egg Harbor  
 and **50%** of your sale  
 will be donated to St. Theresa Church.

**Just mention that you are from  
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 No coupon is necessary!**

***If ordering on the app, use promo code  
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Enjoy some great subs and help Jersey Mike's  
 support *St. Theresa's Parish!*

***We hope you will participate!***



**FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION**  
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**YOU must have an appointment.**

**Make appointment in person:**  
**FEBRUARY 4, 2026**

at ST. THERESA'S 9am to 1pm.

**NO WALK INS - NO PHONE CALLS**

**DO NOT CALL**  
**THE CHURCH OFFICE**

**OTHER TAX PREPARATION SITE**  
**ST. MARY'S OF THE PINES PARISH CENTER**  
 100 BISHOPS LANE, MANAHAWKIN  
**Make appointment in person:**  
**FEB.5<sup>th</sup> or FEB 6<sup>th</sup> at ST. MARY'S**  
**THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS,**  
**9AM TO 1PM**



**Respect Life Ministry**

Please join us on

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

**After 11:30 AM Mass**

**in the Faith Formation Center**

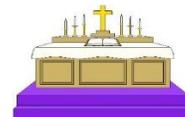
**Spiritual Adoption**

Congratulations! Our *Spiritual Adoption Babies*  
 were born on Christmas Day. Our next Spiritual  
 Adoption will take place in March. Watch the  
 bulletin for further details.

***"Life is a Gift from God –***

***what we do with our Life is our Gift to God"***

We hope you will join us  
 in this very important ministry!



**MASS FOR THOSE WHO DIED BY SUICIDE**  
**AND FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER THEIR LOSS**

A son, a daughter, a sibling, a spouse, a relative, a  
 friend...losing someone who died by suicide leaves  
 the ones who loved them in a state of pain, not  
 understood by others. The Catholic Church  
 recognizes the acute and complicated grief  
 associated with the loss of a loved one through  
 death by suicide.

**Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM,**

**St. Mary's Church, Barnegat,**

all affected by suicide and all who support them  
 are invited to a simple Mass, both to pray for their  
 loved ones who died in this manner, and to pray  
 for themselves. Those wanting to bring a small  
 picture of their loved one can do so to be placed on  
 the altar or our blue wall during the Mass

**AL-ANON**

**AL-Anon** is a mutual support group of peers who share  
 their experience in applying the AL-Anon principles to  
 problems related to the effects of a problem drinker in  
 their lives. AL-Anon meets **every Monday** at **7:15 PM**  
 in the Faith Formation Center. Please visit [www.al-anon.org](http://www.al-anon.org)  
 for more information.

**BRING THE PASCHAL LIGHT  
INTO YOUR HOME**



Each year, the Church purchases a new Paschal candle for Easter. These candles are lit for baptisms, funerals, and certain liturgies throughout the year. At the end of the year, we are usually left with about half of the Paschal Candle. We had about 4 candles left in our liturgical closet.

***So, what do we do with them?***

A really talented Parishioner in candle making melted down these blessed holy candles and created about 200 smaller candles. The remnants of these candles were melted into 4 colored tins: black, white, gold & silver.

**We are selling these candles for \$5.00 each  
the Weekend of  
January 31 and February 1  
in the Gathering Space**

All proceeds benefit the Parish of St. Theresa.

***We hope you will purchase some and bring the light of Christ into your home this Lenten Season!***



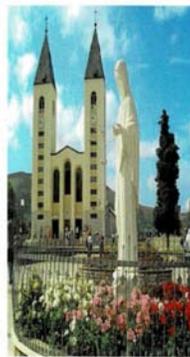
**Next Weekend - 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection  
January 25, 2026**

**THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA**

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Many in Latin America and the Caribbean find that a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit [usccb.org/latin-america](http://usccb.org/latin-america).



**Join Fr. Dean Gaudio on a Special Pilgrimage  
to the Shrines of  
Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina  
October 14 - 23, 2026**



St. James Church, Medjugorje



Mostar Bridge



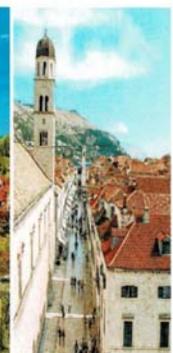
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## PARKING LOT REPAIR

You may have noticed that our Parking lot is in disrepair. Over time, wear from traffic and environmental conditions have **caused uneven surfaces, cracks and potholes**. These problems stem from weather conditions, heavy traffic, inadequate drainage, or subpar construction. Beyond being eyesores, they **present dangers to pedestrians and damages to vehicles**. We really cannot postpone the repairs any longer.

Although costly, with **your support and partnership**, we can repair the parking lot in 4 phases. Here are the first two and the cost of each.

### PHASE 1 - Drain Repair: 6 Drain Repairs

**\$15,916.18**

- Saw cut around drain and cut curbs off.
- Remove and dispose of asphalt and concrete inside cut.
- Remove drain grate.
- Completely remove steel frame from the foundation.
- Repair all broken brick and mortar.
- Mortar steel frame back to foundation.
- Fix broken inlet pipe inside one drain.
- Frame and pour new concrete curbs around drains.
- Install 2 inches of fresh hot asphalt base.
- Roll to compaction.
- Install 2 inches of fresh hot asphalt top.
- Roll to compaction.

### PHASE 2 - Asphalt Repair:

Approximately 1,138 sq ft

**\$12,411.62**

- Saw cut proposed areas to be repaired.
- Remove and dispose of old asphalt.
- Install crushed concrete base as needed.
- Roll to compaction.
- Install 2 inches asphalt top.
- Roll to compaction.
- Hot crack fill saw cut joints, for water proofing.
- Remove and dispose of sunken handicap ramp causing water to pool.
- Pour new handicap ramp to correct grade height for water drainage.



**Here's where we need your help!**

We are asking all our parishioners to please join us in helping achieve this goal by financially contributing to the cost of this project.

**You are the solution to making our parking lot safe for all!**

**To contribute, mail or drop off checks payable to St. Theresa's to the Parish Office or place in the collection, designating "Parking Lot" in the memo section.**

**For credit cards, electronic payments, please call Chris at 609-296-2504 Ext. 223**

**Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal.**

**"Together, we can do great things"**  
Mother Teresa

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