

Saint Cecilia Parish

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CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

All Catholic Churches in the United States require from Catholics serving as a Godparent for Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation a certificate of eligibility. This document certifies that the Godparent/sponsor is a registered member of the parish, attends Holy Mass, approaches the sacraments regularly and contributes to the support of the Church via the Sunday offering envelope program or "WeShare". It is the responsibility of the individual to meet these requirements as listed in the Code of Canon Law, #874.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Arrangements for the Sacrament of Baptism can be made by calling Fr. Matt at extension 15.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements are to be made at least ONE YEAR in advance. The date should not be set until the priest has been consulted.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Urgent calls will be attended to at any time of the day or night. If there is anyone at home or in the hospital who cannot get to Mass and the Sacraments because of illness or old age, please inform one of the priests or call the Parish Office @ 973-627-0313.

EMERGENCY PHONE:
862-251-3914

MASSES

Saturday: 4:30 pm, 7:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:15 am
10:45 am and 12:15 pm
5:00 pm (Vietnamese)

Holydays

Vigil 4:30 pm
6:30 am, 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

Weekday Schedule:

Monday - Friday
6:30 am & 8:00 am

Saturday

8:00 am followed by Novena

Confessions

Saturday @ 3:30—4:00 pm &
6:15-6:45 pm (when Mass is
celebrated in the church) &
Monday during Holy Hour
7:00—8:00 pm

Ms. Susan Brennan
TRUSTEE

Mr. James Gallagher
TRUSTEE

PARISH PRAYER LIFE

NOVENA: OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL AND OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Saturday morning after the 8:00 am Mass

HOLY HOUR : Monday @ 7:00 pm

RCIA—RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION— FOR ADULTS:

Please contact Sr. Diane @ 973-627-0313 ext: 14

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP: Monday through Sat. @ 7:30 am

FEMININE GENIUS PROJECT: 1st & 3rd Saturday of the
month at 8:00 pm in the parish office.

ST. JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP: 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month
at 6:00 am in the parish office.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: 1st Wednesday of the month;
10:00 am in the church

ST. MONICA NOVENA: Last Saturday after 8:00 am Mass.

Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Friday: 8:30 am to 2:00 pm
Closed for lunch: 12:00 to 1:00

Monday, October 30, Weekday

6:30 am — Nels Salvesen req. by his daughters

8:00 am — Mary, Milton & Tom Kulawiec req. by Tanya Nellen

Tuesday, October 31, Weekday

6:30 am — Charles & Louise Peplowski req. by Fr. Zig

8:00 am — Angela Goritski req. by Marie Wahlstrom

4:30 pm — For the Intention of St. Cecilia Parishioners

Wednesday, November 1, All Saints*Holy Day of Obligation*

6:30 am — For the Intention of St. Cecilia Parishioners

8:00 am — For the Intention of St. Cecilia Parishioners

7:00 pm — For the Intention of St. Cecilia Parishioners

Thursday, November 2, The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

6:30 am — For the Faithfully Departed

8:00 am — For the Faithfully Departed

Friday, November 3, Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

6:30 am — Rose Peplowski req. by Fr. Zig & Brothers

8:00 am — Mary Petrusik req. by Sophie Boylan

Saturday, November 4, Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

8:00 am — Deceased Members of the Rosary Society

Sunday, November 5, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 pm — Angela Goritski req. by Agnes Maye

David Lewis req. by Michael & Gina Murphy

7:00 pm — Patricia Bath req. by Family

8:00 am — Deceased Members of the McBride Family req. by the McBride Family

9:15 am — David Lewis req. by his Family

Manuel Exposito req. by Elizabeth Craft

10:45 am — Marion Cables req. by Thomas, Jennifer & Alicia Takacs

Mario Zambrano req. by Family

12:15 pm — Joseph Francesco Stango req. by Mary at Zen Parlour

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Ethan Chandra, Dean Wayne Campbell, Doris Cusick, Jane Gorica, Sam Sessa, Karen Niles, Noel Wadleigh, David Cicchine, Teresa D'Atria, Derek Bascharow, Debbie Malc, Grace McDermott, Joe Horvath, Jr., Elvira Bugaoan, Owen Peter Byrne, Tia Maddaloni, Mason Walker Steussing, Susan Mejia, Derek Bascharow, Jim Rattay, Tom Hull, Kathleen Fazio, Kristin Wich, Kyle Johnson, Kate Darlington, Jake Michael Miraldi, Cheryl Anne Bornemann, Sean Nolan, Maryann Hughes, Peggy Eileen Miars, Ray Kennedy, Richard Corcoran, Madison Rose Leslie, Demetrius Barbee, Frances Finn, Dorothy Murray, Stephanie Lewis, Kimberly Dugan, Gale Sessa, Mike Murray, Helene Turner, Michael Turner, Ruben Lorenzo, Michael Alvarez, Mina Simmons-Jones, Joe Maulbeck, Mary Merz, Patricia Smith Schulman, Vincent Fortunato, Joyce Turner, Tom Cumiskey, Dennis O'Brien, Steven Simmons, Ariel, James DiStaiso, Marty Mackin, Brian Bosworth, Dennis Dilger, Robyne LaGrotta, Dave Lewis, Christopher Darlak, Frieda Solow, Claudia Fontanella, Claire Wasacz, Emilio Viola, James Deegan, Martha Salvesen, Ramiro Hinojosa, Jimmy Buckley, Emily Gatzke, Clare Desmond, Craig Huffman, George Stitik, Stephen Goordman, Cecilia Donofrio, Deidra Zink, Ray Wiest, Anthony Pane, Victoria Zuber, Keith Newman, Francis Sanchez, Raymond Fullam, Franco Maida, John Sandelli, Alan Zenkert, Fran Gatzke, Bob Nielsen, Gert Taylor, Walter Zelinski, Landon Wierks, Clo Callahan, Michael McClain, David Saggioli, Tommy Slockbower, Michael Hafke, Tyler Bascharow, Kevin R. Bruno, II, Larry Gatzke, Jeremiah O'Brien, Lanie Bruno, Ben Duphiney, Jill Breslin, Nick Auriemma, Joan Apgar, Richard Sala.

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS**Week Ending : October 22, 2023**

Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 7,595.00
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 1,734.40
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 9,329.40

Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)	\$ 785,000.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 14,038.46

Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (4,709.06)
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (10,413.74)

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – The Solemnity of All Saints is commemorated on Wednesday November 1st. We will celebrate this Holy Day with the following Masses: Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31st; Wednesday, November 1st at 6:30 and 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**Flowers This Week**

*The Altar Flowers
are in loving memory of*

Vita Noto

*Requested by
her sister, Jean Asti*

Our Condolences to the Family of:
Ellen Flynn, Thomas Kepler & Susan Liebman
Eternal Rest Grant to them Lord



The people of St. Cecilia Parish are asked to pray for the following people serving our country in the armed services: **SmE3 Andrew Clifford,**

Joseph Giannetti US Navy, Lance Corporal Dennis Wuest, Capt. Kelley E. Robbins, Pvt USMC, Diego Usma, Major Glenn E. Martinez, Sgt. Brian Whalen, Capt. Anthony Odierno, Cpl. Kong V. Nguyen, Cpl. Jim Van Valen, LCPL Anthony Eresman, Sgt. Paul J. Willson, PFC Cano Janeth, Sgt. Bob Autrey, Col. William Paliwada, Sgt 1st Class (E7) Sam Colon, PFC Marylyn Rivera-Sachez, Cpl. Edward C. Thompson, Major Kevin M. Nash, Lt. Amy Cronin, Col. John L. Medeiros, Jr., Sgt. Daniel Healy, Marine Keith Leitner, Sgt. Spencer Lopez, PFC Taryn Kemp, Jeffrey Braunhausen, E7 Joseph Grimsey, Bill Maloney, Greg Bloete, Gian Carlo Bruzzese, Spc. Christopher Little, PFC Brittany Martindell, PO1 (E6) Matthew Fitzgerald, SA Justin C. White, Matthew & Daniel Rosica, Mark Leonard, Sr. Armn. Ashley Valetta, Sgt. John Wisnofsky, Cpl. T.J. Finn, Sgt. Kristopher Faber, Capt. Vincent Presto, Airman First Class William Kussler, Spc. Gregory Villaneuva. We ask God the Father of us all, through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel, to protect all the men and women in our Armed Forces, to bless them in their efforts toward bringing peace and justice to our world. May they be brought back safely to those they love.

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RCIA COMMUNICATIONS 2023

INVITATION TO RCIA— Have you been worshipping with us, but have never officially taken the step to become Catholic? Are you seeking a relationship with Jesus, but have not been Baptized or Confirmed or have not received First Communion? Are you married to a Catholic, but just don't know the next step to become Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process by which non-Catholics learn and normally enter the Catholic Faith. RCIA is also for baptized Catholics who missed receiving Eucharist or Confirmation. Group meetings begin on Sundays starting in October in the St. Cecilia Parish Office. Interested in more info? Leave a message with your phone number and/or email address for Sister Diane at the Parish Office: 973-627-0313 ext. 14.

LOW GLUTEN – Those who cannot tolerate wheat products can receive the Holy Eucharist via a low gluten host which is approved by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Person(s) must make themselves identified to the priest no later than 10 minutes before Mass begins by going to the priest sacristy so that the preparation may be made for Mass.

MONTH OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED – November is the Month of the Faithful Departed in which we are called upon to offer Masses, prayers and fasting for the poor souls who have not yet become the Saints who reside in Heaven. All of us are reminded of our Catholic duty to pray for our departed loved ones regularly and especially during this month of All Souls. At the altar of Saint Joseph you will find a receptacle for your All Souls Mass remembrance which will be placed on the altar for the Holy Masses which will be offered throughout the month. Also, the Book of the Dead is on the Saint Joseph altar to include the names of the faithful departed. ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD-MAY THEY REST IN PEACE!

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Support St. Cecilia Parish today using your debit or credit card or checking or savings account: Visit www.st-cecilia.org and click Donate Online. Select the collection or event of your choice. Set up your donation or payment. That's it! **OR SCAN HERE:**



ARE YOU REGISTERED? – Saint Cecilia's is the best parish in the Diocese of Paterson! I know that I am prejudiced but I truly believe this and I hope you do too! We welcome all people to our parish and are delighted each time new members join our faith community. My question is to all, **ARE YOU REGISTERED AS A PARISHIONER?** If you are not sure, please give the parish office a call (973.627.0313) and speak with Janet or Diane to check and to update any information regarding yourself, such as phone number and e mail address, etc. This information is most helpful for me in providing pastoral care to you and your family. Your parish registration is also necessary when you may be asked to submit a "certificate of eligibility" to serve as a godparent/sponsor. If I do not have your registration information then this can become a difficulty. The Registration form may be found on line by going to the parish website or by receiving a copy from the parish office. Your completed registration form may be mailed to the parish office or placed in the collection basket on Sunday. Register and be counted among those who love and support Saint Cecilia's! – FATHER ZIG

FESTA CECILIA – Our second annual FESTA CECILIA will take place on Friday, November 10th in Hayes Hall from 5:30 to 8 o'clock. Based on an Italian festival our gathering celebrates our patroness Saint Cecilia who lived and was martyred in Rome. Our festival will begin with Italian food being available from 5:30 to 7 o'clock followed by a program of music and activities for all ages. A \$20 donation is asked per family and may be submitted at the door. Registration is required and must be done on the parish website no later than Friday, November 3rd. JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN AND FAITH!!

BISHOPS WEB SITE – Father Zig spoke last Sunday about the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website in preparation for Election Day. You can visit the site by going on line to: USCCB and proceeding to "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship." This is a wonderful resource which all Catholics can consult regarding issues which are important as we prepare for November 7th.

PADRE PIO PRAYER MEETING – The Saint Padre Pio Prayer group will meet on Wednesday, November 1st at 10 o'clock in the morning in the votive chapel located off the church vestibule. All are welcome as we pray and reflect upon the spirituality of this most powerful intercessor.

Monday, October 30

7:00 pm—Holy Hour (Church)

7:30 pm—Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

Tuesday, October 31

9:30 am—Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

7:45 pm—Light of Christ Prayer Group (HH)

Wednesday, November 1

10:00 am—Padre Pio Prayer Meeting (Church)

Thursday, November 2

7:00 pm—“St. Cecilia Presents....” (Hayes Hall)

Friday, November 3

7:00 pm—Catacombs (Hayes Hall)

Saturday, November 4

Right to Life Raffle Ticket Sales

8:30 am—Rosary Society Meeting (Hayes Hall)

8:30 am—Lectors Meeting (Church)

Sunday, November 5

Right to Life Raffle Ticket Sales

9:15 am—Children's Liturgy (Hayes Hall)

10:00 am—RCIA (Parish Office)

10:30 am—CCD Class (DMA)

COAT DRIVE – The Men's Society will conduct a winter coat drive on Saturday and Sunday, November 11-12. Winter coats for men, women and children are needed for the poor and will be distributed through the Market Street Mission in Morristown and Father English Community Center in Paterson. Please, new coats for those in need OR gently used and clean coats ONLY. The drive is held in commemoration of the Feast of Saint Martin of Tours whose feast is November 11th. One of the stories associated with Martin is that he gave his cloak to a poor person suffering from the cold and who later revealed Himself as the Lord Jesus. Please leave your donation on the designated tables in Hayes Hall.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - A heartfelt thank you to each one of you for your outpouring of support on World Mission Sunday. Together, our parish raised \$1,790.00 for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Your generosity echoes the theme “**Hearts on fire, feet on the move,**” bringing warmth and hope to communities worldwide. To remain connected and engaged with the Pope's missions throughout the year, please visit OneFamilyInMission.org. Your commitment to the universal mission of the Church is deeply appreciated.

WIN A NEW CAR – The annual New Jersey Right to Life Raffle will take place on Saturday and Sunday, November 4 and 5 in our parish. Raffles will be sold at all Masses. In your support for life you have the chance of winning a new car or ShopRite gift cards are various denominations.

Divine Mercy Academy News**Divine Mercy Academy is hiring!**

We have an open position for a part-time reading specialist. Experience in Orton-Gillingham and/or Wilson Reading System a plus. Send resume to jpatel@dmrockaway.org.

We also have opening for part-time aftercare staff. Please call the school if interested @ 973-627-6003.

Divine Mercy Academy's Grandfriends in Faith Program

We are delighted to announce the revival of our Grandfriends in Faith Program. Ms. Roberti and her fourth grade students would like to extend a warm invitation to senior parishioners to join this wonderful intergenerational program. The goal of this program is to promote love, unity, and warm fellowship between youth and senior adults. The fourth grade class and their Grandfriends will meet throughout the school year in DMA's all purpose room to form a lasting friendship, join creative forces in a craft or activity, and grow in faith. Of course the meeting is never complete without delicious treats provided by the fourth grade parents. Please note that all Grandfriends will be required to complete the Diocesan “Protecting God's Children” process prior to participation. If you are interested in joining Grandfriends in Faith, please contact Mrs. Patel at

jpatel@dmrockaway.org.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS – Donations of food are gratefully accepted to help supply the two food pantries being assisted by our parish, the Rockaway Food Closet and Hope House (Catholic Charities in Dover). Your donations may be brought to the designated area in the stairwell of the church (side closest to the parish office) or left in the church vestibule. May God bless you for the generosity you show to the

KNIGHTS FUND RAISER – The Knights of Columbus, Council 514 is sponsoring a pancake breakfast on Saturday, November 18th from 8 am to 10 am at Applebee's on Route 46 in the Dover ShopRite Plaza. The donation is \$12 for adults and \$10 for children. Tickets are being sold after Mass or by calling 201.486.3882. Let's support the Knights so that they can continue the good work they do for the Church!

BEWARE OF SCAMS – Be on the alert of scams which say they are from me. THEY ARE NOT!!! Please call me at the office (973.627.0313x12) if you have **doubt** about a text, email, etc, which is supposedly from me asking for money, gift cards, favors, etc. PLEASE DO NOT BE FOOLED!!! Fr. Zig

SAVE THE DATE

**Craft and Vendor Fair—St. Cecilia Church Hall
90 Church Street, Rockaway, NJ 07866**

Saturday, November 18, 2023

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

For further information email:

saintceciiliarosarysociety@gmail.com

SAINT CECILIA PRESENTS... - The next presentation in our series will be given by Father Stepan Biluk, pastor of Saint John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Whippany. Father will speak to us about the Church in Ukraine and the effect of the Russian invasion upon the faithful. The presentation will take place on Thursday, November 2nd, beginning at 7:00 pm in Hayes Hall.

TUESDAY NIGHT LECTURE SERIES

Assumption College for Sisters invites you to the Tuesday Night Lectures Series, *Honoring Seasons of Life*. Schedule and topics: Sept. 26, *Season of Creation*, "How can we celebrate and advocate for God's gifts of creation?" with Sr. Patrice Owens, SSC; October 24, *Seasons of Wholeness*, "What are the Eastern Catholic Churches?" with Fr. Sigmund Peplowski; Nov. 14, *Season of Abundance*, *America's Indigenous Peoples*, "What can their heritage, spirituality teach us?" with Sr. Maire Pauline Demek, SCC and Sr. Carol Schuyler, SCC; Dec. 12, *Season of Emmanuel*, "Our place at the Advent/Christmas table with the Holy Family" with Mr. John Ward. Times: 7 - 8 pm, all lectures via LIVE STREAM. To register contact registrar@acs350.org indicating lectures you wish to attend and include a phone number. Free will offering. All are welcome!

THANK YOU—October 14th was our 10th Annual Run4Nun event with the purpose of generating funds to defray the cost of our younger Sisters' education. The Parishioners of St. Cecilia Church were most generous in contributing to this fund. The amount donated was \$2,282! We are all so very grateful. May God bless each of you for your generosity. We promise our prayers and we ask you to pray for all of us too. — *Sisters of Christian Charity*

Please join Morris County Right to Life in Morristown this fall between Sept 27th and Nov. 5th for 40 Days for Life. We are looking for volunteer to pray in front of the Planned Parenthood at 196 Speedwell Avenue for an hour or so between 7am and 7pm. Many babies lives are lost at this location every week. Prayers save lives! Please contact Frances Spilman at 44lifeus@gmail.com for more information. You can also sign up at: 40DaysforLife.com/ Morristown

5TH SUNDAY ROSARY – Join us for the "5th Sunday of the Month Rosary" at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on East Main Street at 3 o'clock in the afternoon on October 29th. The Holy Rosary will be prayed as well the Divine Mercy Chaplet. This service is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 3359, to which all are invited to attend.

Please Help Support Catholic Charities

We need gently used:

- Clothing • Bedding • Shoes • Small household items Have a clothing donation too big to fit in the box?
- Just call our Toll Free number to arrange for a free pickup at your home. 1-877-343-3651
- Throughout the year, Catholic Charities distributes much needed food through local food pantries and provides many other types of services and assistance including day care for children, day care for elderly persons, counseling, computer training, ESL utility bill assistance, flood assistance, drug/alcohol detox, drug/alcohol treatment, day and residential programs for adults with developmental disabilities and more. Money raised from these donations helps support these and other Catholic Charities programs.

**DROP BOX IS LOCATED IN PARISH PARKING LOT
BEHIND THE RECTORY**

Pregnant? Need Help? Know someone who needs help?

You are not alone! The Catholic Church wants to help you and your baby through your pregnancy and after! The following link will take you to the Paterson Diocesan website for sources of help for women who find themselves in crisis pregnancies: <https://rcdop.org/moms-in-need>





My dear parishioners,

We come together to celebrate the Eucharist on this 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Scriptural texts for today speak to us about the love we have for the Lord and how this love manifests itself in the manner in which we care for others, especially the marginalized.

Today we conduct what is called THE IN PEW COMMITMENT portion of the annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal. The video presentation we will see today is led by our Bishop who speaks to us about the various needs which the appeal will address. Once again we will hear that the primary beneficiary will be Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Paterson which assists thousands of people each year who are in need of food, clothing, emergency housing, counseling and so much more. The homes which the diocese maintains for disabled adults as well as the upgrading to the Father English Community Center in Paterson are so important in our service to those in need. We must remember that our brothers and sisters who experience very challenging crosses in life look to us to bring them relief. And that we do when we all participate in the annual DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL knowing that our faith in Christ propels us into action.

Today we are all being called upon to be generous and to help with making a contribution. As you have heard, or will hear, our contributions are vital in funding the ministries which make the Apostolic work in the diocese possible. In addition to funding Catholic Charities the appeal also provides a place for our retired priests to live out their remaining years in Nazareth Village. Our future priests are also served through the appeal to cover the cost of seminarian education. Also inner-city Catholic education receives a grant from the appeal to help impoverished children.

I was asked by the diocese to speak to the priests about Saint Cecilia's generous response to the appeal which last year totaled \$100,000 (our parish goal being \$36,000). I reported that the Rockaway people are generous because they have strong faith and take seriously the words of Christ Jesus who said, "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you do to me." (Matthew 25:40) When I think of all of you, my dear parishioners, I recall the words of the Apostle Paul to the Thessalonians in today's epistle, "you became a model for all believers."

Let's keep up the generosity of which Saint Cecilia's is known! Let's all participate in the annual DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL so that "the least among us" will know that we love and care for them!

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST-GLORY FOREVER!

Father Zig

**ST. MARTIN DE PORRES, Religious
November 3 - Patron of Hairdressers**

St. Martin de Porres was born at Lima, Peru, in 1579. His father was a Spanish gentleman and his mother an Indian woman from Panama. At fifteen, he became a lay brother at the Dominican Friary at Lima and spent his whole life there—as a barber, farm-laborer, almoner, and infirmarian among other things.

Martin had a great desire to go off to some foreign mission and thus earn the palm of martyrdom. However, since this was not possible, he made a martyr out of his body, devoting himself to ceaseless and severe penances. In turn, God endowed him with many graces and wondrous gifts, such as aerial flights and bilocation.

St. Martin's love was all-embracing, shown equally to humans and animals, including vermin, and he maintained a cats' and dogs' hospital at his sister's house. He also possessed spiritual wisdom, demonstrated in his solving his sister's marriage problems, raising a dowry for his niece inside of three days' time, and resolving theological problems for the learned of his Order and for Bishops. A close friend of St. Rose of Lima, this saintly man died on November 3, 1639 and was canonized on May 6, 1962, by Pope John XXIII.



PRAYER God, You led St. Martin by the way of humility to heavenly glory. Help us to follow the example of his holiness and so become worthy to be exalted with him in heaven. Amen.

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