

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
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, March 11, Lenten Weekday

6:30 am—Claire Mildred Dowling req. by Charles & Cynthia Fernicola

8:00 am—Kathleen Sheridan req. by Anna Jozwiak

Tuesday, March 12, Lenten Weekday

6:30 am—For the service men & women listed in our bulletin

8:00 am—Kathleen Sheridan req. by Diana & John Sullivan

Wednesday, March 13, Lenten Weekday

6:30 am—Special Intention

8:00 am—Alfred Muscolino req. by Pat Degnan

Thursday, March 14, Lenten Weekday

6:30 am—Jack & Patricia Zayac

8:00 am—Kathleen Sheridan req. by Peggy McKinney

Friday, March 15, Lenten Weekday

6:30 am—For the sick listed in our bulletin and their caregivers

8:00 am—Teresa Brussell req. by McDonnell Family

Saturday, March 16, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am—Arthur Johnson req. by his wife, Sally

Sunday, March 17, Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:30 pm—Joseph Bartholomew req. by his wife & daughter Adam Baram req. by Christine Belli

7:00 pm—Bill & Jeanne Gallagher req. by their daughter, Jan

8:00 am—Midas Jean Francois req. by Viviane

9:15 am—Jeanne Gallagher req. by Angela Smalley Patricia Zayac req. by Lee Ann & Marty Mackin

10:45 am—Lucy Sweeney req. by Nicole & Jeff Seligmuller Jillian Breslin req. by Marge Lesica

12:15 pm—Mary Peterson req. by John & Mary Lou Rodimer
Deceased Members of the McInerney Family req. by Bobbie

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS**Week Ending : March 3, 2024**

Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 8,139.00
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 4,453.17
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 12,592.17

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

Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (1,446.29)
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (3,725.97)

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC



The flowers at the altar of St. Joseph
have been given in memory of
Vita Noto
by her sister, Jean Asti

Our Condolences to the Family of:
Patricia Zayac and Ana Rojas
Eternal Rest Grant to them Lord

We are online: www.st-cecilia.org

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, 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 Cummiskey, Dennis O'Brien, Steven Simmons, Ariel, James DiStaiso, Marty Mackin, Brian Bosworth, Dennis Dilger, Robyne LaGrotta, 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, Michael Hafke, Tyler Bascharow, Kevin R. Bruno, II, Jeremiah O'Brien, Lanie Bruno, Joan Apgar, Richard Sala, Richard Cortese, Kira Woyce.



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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YOU ARE INVITED – His Excellency, Bishop Kevin Sweeney is inviting you to be with him and the priests of the Diocese of Paterson for the annual Chrism Mass which will take place on TUESDAY, March 26th. The liturgy will take place in the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist located on Grand and Main Streets in Paterson. The liturgy begins at 7 p.m. secure indoor parking is provided at the Passaic County Court Parking Lot located adjacent to the cathedral on Grand Street. This is the Mass at which the Bishop blesses the holy oils which will be used to administer the sacraments in parishes throughout the year. At this Mass the priests also renew their ordination vows. Join Father Zig and Father Matt in attending this beautiful Holy Week celebration.

150th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE – The next general meeting of the parish 150th Anniversary Committee will take place on Wednesday, March 13th in Hayes Hall beginning at 7 o'clock. All subcommittee members and anyone wishing to attend are cordially invited.

PRAYER APP FOR \$1 – Our parish has purchased 500 partial subscriptions to the # 1 Catholic prayer app, HAL-LOW! You can access a treasure of resources through this app: thousands of prayers, meditations, and music play lists for you to enjoy and enhance your personal prayer life. These partial subscriptions are a \$40 value and are available to you for only \$1. Please visit the parish website, st-cecilia.org to learn about how to claim your subscription and start praying today with Hallow!

YOUR SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE! – Our parish's 150th Anniversary Committee is seeking suggestions as to how we might celebrate our 150th anniversary which will run December 1, 2024 to November 22, 2025. You may go to the parish website, st-cecilia.org, to send in your suggestions OR by placing them in the 'suggestion box' located on the table in the church vestibule.

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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:**



Church Regulations Regarding Fast and Abstinence:

Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are eighteen years of age but not yet fifty-nine are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – Divine Mercy Sunday is April 7th and will be observed with a special service which will be conducted in our church beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. We are happy that Derek Nelson and Family will once again lead us in this service in which the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and the sacrament of penance available to those who would like to receive it. The service will conclude at 3 o'clock, the Hour of Mercy!

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY – Part 1 of the course entitled, "Fulfilled: Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism," has been completed and Part 2 will begin on Monday, April 8th. Should you like information regarding this series please contact Chuck Malaniak at cemalaniak@gmail.com.

CONFESSIONS – All of us are invited to receive the sacrament of penance during the season of Lent. Confessions are held every Monday evening from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm as well as prior to the Saturday evening Vigil Masses. A Lenten penance service will take place on Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm. Eight priests will be available to hear confessions for both adults and young people. The church requires all the faithful to receive the sacraments of penance and Eucharist during the Easter season which is commonly called "Easter Duty".

SAINT JOSEPH NOVENA – The novena to Saint Joseph will begin in our parish on Sunday, March 10th which leads up to the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on March 19th. The novena will be prayed at the conclusion of the 8 o'clock morning mass every day. The traditional blessing of "Saint Joseph Pasteries" will take place in Hayes Hall immediately following the 8 o'clock morning Mass on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Tuesday-March 19th during which time a brief program will take place with a presentation given by Dr. Anthony Pane. All are welcome to attend this reception.

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Monday, March 11

7:00 pm—Holy Hour (Church)

7:30 pm—Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

Tuesday, March 12

9:30 am—Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

7:00 pm—Confirmation Class (DMA)

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

Wednesday, March 13

7:00 pm—150th Ann. Committee Meeting (HH)

Thursday, March 14

6:30 pm—Bread & Soup (Hayes Hall)

Friday, March 15

7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross (Church)

7:00 pm—Catacombs Youth Group (CH & HH)

Saturday, March 16

8:30 am—St. Monica Guild Meeting (Hayes Hall)

8:30 am—Men's Society Meeting (Hayes Hall)

Sunday, March 17

10:30 am—CCD Class K-6th (DMA)

10:45 am—RCIA (Church & Parish Office)

Divine Mercy Academy News**Help Wanted**

Divine Mercy Academy, a PK3-8th grade elementary school located in Rockaway is in need of part-time Aftercare Aides. Applicants are required to be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent and are required to complete the diocesan background check and Protecting God's Children training program. Ideal candidates should have some experience working with children and/or an early childhood or elementary education background. Candidates will assist with afternoon snack, homework, indoor and outdoor play experiences and tend to the needs of our young students. The Aftercare program runs from Monday – Friday, 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm during school days. If interested, please email the principal: jpatel@dmrockaway.org

PLANNED GIVING FOR OUR PARISH – Planned giving is the practice of designating a gift to a charitable organization during one's lifetime or as a part of an estate plan. The gift could include cash, wills, bequests, stocks, retirement assets, real estate, life insurance, annuities equity or personal property. This act of philanthropy serves as a meaningful way to honor your Catholic faith and create a memorial. Donors can minimize capital gains tax when transferring assets as part of a planned gift, further maximizing the contribution to charity. As you think about such matters I hope you will remember our parish, your spiritual home. – Father Zig

OLD PALMS – Last year's blessed palms may be deposited in the basket located in the church vestibule for proper disposal. Blessed palms and all sacramentals should be disposed of according to church regulations.

ROSARY CARDS – You are invited to participate in a nation-wide Rosary crusade which begins this month and concludes in September at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. Learn more about this event at rosarypilgrimage.org. Prayer cards for this event may be found on the table in the church vestibule.

LENTEN LUNCHESES – The Ecumenical Clergy Association of Rockaway is once again sponsoring the Friday Lenten Lunches which will take place at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) beginning at 12 Noon. Lunch is served followed by a service of prayer which will be led by a different clergyperson each week. The donation is \$5.

THURSDAY NIGHT BREAD & SOUP – Back by popular demand is our Thursday Night Bread and Soup program during Lent. The evening begins at 6:30 pm with a variety of soup and bread followed by a video presentation and discussion. We conclude with Evening Prayer at 8 o'clock. We will show an exciting new series produced by Ascension Press entitled, "When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God." The first meeting is Thursday, February 22nd, hope to see you there!

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL CARING BASKET GALA

With gratitude to God, Assumption College for Sisters and the Sisters of Christian Charity cordially invite you:

Friday, March 22, 2024

6:30 pm

The Park Avenue Club
184 Park Avenue
Florham Park, NJ 07932

For more information:
Assumption College for Sisters
Phone: 973-957-0188 x 101
Email: gala@acs350.org
Web: Acs350.org

"Let's Support Our Sisters"

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

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 needy!

Please join Morris County Right to Life for our upcoming prayer and fasting for life campaign. We are looking for volunteers to come out and pray in the public walkway in front of Planned Parenthood at 196 Speedwell Avenue in Morristown. Prayer and presence saves lives! The vigil runs from Feb. 14th through March 24th 2024, 7am -7pm daily. Please sign up at the link below. Contact Frances Spilman with any questions at: 44lifeus@gmail.com

The Compassionate Friends-Parsippany Chapter; A Self-Help group for bereaved PARENTS, SIBLINGS, and GRANDPARENTS, **ALL** meetings are held every **2nd Thursday** of each month, our next in-person scheduled meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 7:30pm; NEW LOCATION: 427 Franklin Road, Den-ville, NJ, Union Hill Presbyterian Church/School- Rec-reation Room (Back Entrance). Program for March 14, 2024: "Managing Stress During Grief"**

A Lenten Prayer

Lord Jesus, help me to see You
 When You have fallen,
 Your cross too heavy to bear;
 On the roadside, in a stairwell,
 On a park bench,
 Forsaken, forgotten, alone.
 Let me help to bear Your cross, O Lord;
 Your hunger, Your sadness, Your pain.
 Let me walk beside You,
 Let me share with You
 My time, my possessions,
 And myself.
 I gladly reach out to bear the cross,
 To lighten the burdens
 Of Your suffering children.
 I offer this in Your name,
 For your cross bore You alone, my Lord,
 Who suffered for my sake.
 Amen

SAVE THE DATE – Although it's early, you may want to save the date for "DANIEL" at the Sight and Sound Theater in Pennsylvania. The Saint Monica Guild will conduct a bus trip to view this highly rated production on Friday, September 20, 2024. For information please call Janet at the parish of- fice, 973-627-0313

WINTER POLICY - In the event of inclement weather and Divine Mercy Academy is closed, the parish office will be closed and the church will be open **ONLY** for the liturgical service scheduled. Also, all evening events will be cancelled.

EPISODES 6 & 7 – Episodes 6 and 7 of "When You Pray" will be shown on Monday, March 11 and 18 respectively. This is the series which is shown at the Thursday evening Bread and Soup program. Due to length of the series and the duration of Lent these final two episodes will be shown on the above dates beginning at 7:30 p.m.

EMMAUS EASTER EGG HUNT – Join us for this parish gathering that will include a presentation of the Easter story of the "Road to Emmaus" (Luke 24:13-35); a deluxe Easter egg hunt for the kids on the parish grounds, with lunch to follow. A variety of treats will be available along with Easter goodies and much more. It all happens of **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3rd**; from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. RSVP on the parish web site. It will be a great time for food, fun and faith!!

CABRINI – The AMC Theater in Rockaway is currently showing the movie CABRINI which is on the life of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini whose feast day is November 13. This Italian religious sister came to the United States to minister to the immigrants who were arriving at the turn of the 20th century and were the victims of discrimination. She established numerous hospitals, schools and orphanages not only in the US but throughout the Americas. She was a woman of great faith and strength.

BAKE SALE – The Saint Monica Guild will hold a bake sale on Palm Sunday, March 23-24 in Hayes Hall following all the Masses. A wide variety of baked goods and MORE will be on sale for your holiday purchase. Your support of this fund raiser is greatly appreciated.

EASTER FLOWERS – All parishioners are asked to make a donation for the purchase of flowers which will adorn our church for the Solemnity of Our Lord's Holy Resurrection. A special envelope was included with the offering envelope mailing or "on line giving." Your donation may also be placed in a regular envelope marked "Easter flowers" or simply by putting this designation in the memo portion of your check. May God bless your generosity!



My dear parishioners,

In our celebration of the Lord's Day we commemorate the Fourth Sunday of Lent. This Sunday is also known as "Laetare Sunday" and from the Ordo we find the following instruction: *"The Fourth Sunday of Lent, traditionally known as Laetare Sunday, so called from the first word of the antiphon at the Introit (Entrance Antiphon). Laetare ("Rejoice"), taken from the Latin translation of Isaiah 66:10-11, sets the tone of joyful anticipation of the Easter mystery, as does the permitted use of rose-colored vestments. Likewise, instruments may be played at Mass and the altar may be decorated with flowers."*

The Old Testament reading reminds us of the reason for which the Lord allowed for the capture of Jerusalem by the Babylonians, INFIDELITY! Although the Lord had sent numerous prophets to call the people back to covenant faith, their infidelity persisted and so their destruction occurred. The reading concludes by telling us that a "political savior" was sent in the person of King Cyrus the Persian who released the captive Israelites and allowed them to return to rebuild the city of Jerusalem.

The Gospel reading is taken from the night conversation which was held between Jesus and Nicodemus in which our Savior spoke of God's fidelity, "...For God so loved the world that He gave His Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." Like the ancient inhabitants of Jerusalem there exists those who prefer darkness to light and so sin prevails in our midst. However, today's epistle reading from the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Ephesians reminds us that God is rich in mercy because of His great love for us. Despite our sins the Lord calls us to covenant fidelity by believing in Him and living in the light. "Living in the light" means performing the works of righteousness and living our lives in a right and honorable manner.

This holy season is quickly moving toward the "holy mountain of Easter." As we approach let us do so in a spirit of repentance and conversion. The sacrament of penance is the means by which we receive God's mercy and forgiveness of our sins. I remind you of our confession schedule on Monday evenings from 7 to 8:30; Saturday before the vigil Masses, and the Penance service scheduled for Wednesday evening, March 20th at 7 o'clock at which 8 priests will be present for confession. Next Sunday the holy images in the church will be covered as per tradition for the Fifth Sunday of Lent and will remain veiled until Holy Saturday.

I hope you are faithful to our Lenten disciplines of PRAYER, FASTING and ALMSGIVING!

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST-GLORY FOREVER!

Father Zig

PS: The Scripture readings at the 10:45 Mass may be found on page 83 of the pew book as these are the readings for Mass in which the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is conducted.

ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC, Widow
March 15—Patroness of Social Workers

St. LOUISE DE MARILLAC was born on August 15, 1591. In 1613 she married Antoine Le Gras, who died thirteen years later, leaving Louise with a young son. She became a nun, and in 1625 chose St. Vincent de Paul, then known as Monsieur Vincent, as her spiritual director.

With the help of Monsieur Vincent, she established the Daughters of Charity, Servants of the Sick Poor, dedicated to the corporal and spiritual service of the poor in their homes. She died in 1660, and was canonized in 1934 by Pope Pius XI.

PRAYER: God, You inspired St. Louise to strive for perfect charity and so attain Your Kingdom at the end of her pilgrimage on earth. Strengthen us through her intercession that we may advance rejoicing in the way of love. Amen.



**ST. LOUISE
 HEALER,
 SISTER,
 FRIEND**
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