

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

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 (Sept. to June)

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 (Sept. to June)

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

Parish Summer Office Hours:

Starting after Memorial Day until Labor Day
Monday thru Thursday: 8:30—4:00
(Lunch 12:00—1:00)
Friday: Closed

Monday, July 15, Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:30 am – Alexander Kairys req. by Steven & Ellen Kairys

8:00 am - Special Intention for Dianna & John Sullivan's Wedding Anniversary

Tuesday, July 16, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

6:30 am – Bill Gallagher req. by Jan Gallagher

8:00 am – Eleanor & Thomas Sullivan req. by Dianna & John Sullivan

Wednesday, July 17, Weekday

6:30 am – Alfredo DeJesus req. by Family

8:00 am – Harry "Bud" Struble req. by Ag & Family

Thursday, July 18, Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

6:30 am – Vicki Warren, 20th Anv., req. by loving Aunts Linda & Carline

8:00 am – Patricia Zayac req. by Bob Nielsen

Friday, July 19, Weekday

6:30 am – Stanley Garczynski req. by his wife, Mary Ellen

8:00 am – Patricia Zayac req. by Susan & Anthony Nedo

Saturday, July 20, Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 am – Florence Guarducci req. by St. Cecilia Rosary Society

Sunday, July 21, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 am – Linda Donatoni req. by Phil & Claire Wasacz

Stephen Brussell, Jr., req. by McDonnell Family

7:00 pm – Bill Gallagher req. by Jan Gallagher

Art Valletta req. by Jan Gallagher

8:00 am – Robert & Rena Benjamin req. by Bob & Tom Benjamin

9:15 am – Andy Camporini req. by Graner Family

David Lewis req. by Family

10:45 am- Steve Golda req. by his wife, Georgia & Family

Richard Trapp req. by Ken Seligmuller & Family

12:15 pm – Theresa Romito req. by Mark & Elaine Romito

Florence Guarducci req. by McDonnell Family

Claudia Denuyl req. by Cheryl Biegel & Erin Ferrone

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS**Week Ending : June 30, 2024**

Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 10,194.00
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 4,398.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 14,592.00

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

Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 553.54
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (4,852.91)

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS**Week Ending : July 7, 2024**

Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 7,924.00
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 6,397.13
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 14,321.13

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

Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 7.40
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 7.40

Our Condolences to the Family of
**Richard Koppenaar, Helen O'Connor and
 Dominic Adesso**
 Eternal Rest Grant to them Lord

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Ethan Chandra, Dean Wayne Campbell, Doris Cusick, Jane Goricca, 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, 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, Anthony D'Alessio, Jenn Suto, Colin Brown.



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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PHOTOS – Our Parish 150th Anniversary Committee is searching for photos from past events which took place at Saint Cecilia's. If you would like to have your photos included or displayed on our parish website, please drop them off or send them to the parish office (90 Church St. Rockaway, 08866) or our parish website (st-cecilia.org). Please include name, event, date and year (if known), phone number and email. All photos will be carefully handled and returned. For additional information please call Rosalie Marmara at 973.625.3836.

FATHER MATT AWAY – We pray that Father Matt will have a restful vacation as he visits his family in Poland. Father returns to us on Thursday, July 25th.

HOLY HOUR – In solidarity with the National Eucharistic Congress taking place in Indianapolis this week a Holy Hour will be conducted in our church on Wednesday (July 17) from 7 to 8 o'clock in the evening. The Eucharistic Congress will take place from July 17-21 and will conclude the Eucharistic revival which our American Bishops initiated two years ago. Join us in quiet meditation before the Most Blessed Sacrament. **CONFESSIONS WILL NOT TAKE PLACE AT THIS TIME.**

CHUCK LINNELL – Our music minister, Chuck Linnell, has informed me that he is stepping down from his position effective September 1st. We have been blessed with Chuck's ministry at Saint Cecilia's for the past seven years. Chuck and his family are members of our parish so we will continue to see them and occasionally benefit from Chuck's musical talent. Let us pray that Saint Cecilia, Patroness of our parish and of Church Music, will send us a worthy replacement! – Father Zig

HOLY DAY – The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven will be observed in our parish with a Vigil Mass on Wednesday, August 14th at 4:30 p.m. Holy Masses on Thursday, August 15th will be celebrated in the morning at 6:30 and 8 o'clock. Holy Mass will also be celebrated in the evening at 7 o'clock. This is a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION!**

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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

PARISH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE – In conjunction with our parish's 150th anniversary celebration next year I will be leading a pilgrimage to Italy. We leave from Newark International Airport on Monday, April 21 (2025) for our 11 day visit to Rome, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo (St. Padre Pio), Bari (Shrine of St. Nicholas) and many more stops. This 11 day pilgrimage coincides with the Holy Year Jubilee in which we will also visit and celebrate Mass in the Basilica of Saint Cecilia. The cost per person is \$5,384. Please visit the 206 TOURS website and enter tour #sp042125 for the itinerary, registration and other information. I hope you will join me on this faith-filled tour! We return on Thursday, May 1st thanking God for this wonderful experience. – Father Zig

CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY – We welcome Catholics who are interested in recovery from addiction and deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. "Catholic In Recovery" is a non-profit organization that seeks to serve those suffering from addictions and unhealthy attachments including: alcoholism, drug addiction, pornography addiction, sex and relationship addiction, compulsive overeating and food addictions, gambling addiction, codependency and the impact on family, and general fear, control and anxiety. It is the aim of "Catholic in Recovery" to share the Good News that God can bring about healing and recovery, even in the most hopeless cases. Questions? Email CIR@ollsparta.org. Meetings: Our Lady of the Lake, 294 Sparta Ave. Saturdays: 7:30 am to 8:30 am AND Thursdays 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. ALSO meeting at Our Lady Queen of Peace, 209 Route 206 South, Branchville, Mondays 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL – Every August the Missionary Cooperative Appeal is conducted in all the parishes of the Diocese of Paterson. This year's appeal will take place on August 10-11 with a representative of the Marian Missionaries of the Holy Cross visiting us and speaking to us about their work in the proclamation of the Gospel. Father John, a priest from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and a member of this religious order will be with us for the weekend. **WELCOME, FATHER JOHN!**

GRANDPARENTS OBSERVANCE – Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has designated Sunday, July 28th as World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This commemoration is a yearly event held on the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anna, Grandparents of Christ, which is July 26th. At all Masses a special blessing will be bestowed upon grandparents and the elderly for good health, long life and abundant graces.

Monday, July 15
Tuesday, July 16
 7:45 pm—*Light of Christ Prayer Group (HH)*
Wednesday, July 17
 7:00 pm—*Eucharistic Holy Hour (Church)*
Thursday, July 18
Friday, July 19
Saturday, July 20
Sunday, July 21

VIEW THE VOWS – Sister John Paul and the Sisters of Christian Charity invite you to join them remotely for the Profession of Vows on Thursday, August 15th at 10:30 a.m. For livestream please go to <https://scus.org/videos>. Sister John Paul will be making her final profession on this day and we offer our congratulations and prayer-filled best wishes.

OUR CHILDREN – Children should be accompanied by a parent or adult when using the restrooms in the parish hall. We want to make sure that our children return to Mass promptly and safely. Your cooperation is appreciated.

BEYOND THE BEACON – Bishop Kevin Sweeney has a regular podcast entitled, BEYOND THE BEACON which has interesting guests and great topics. Also, check out COFFE WITH KUPKE and THE PAUL STREET JOURNAL on your preferred podcast platforms, such as Apple Podcasts or Spotify OR watch it on YOUTUBE.

Empowering and serving pregnant women in need. Can you spare 3 hours a week?

 Life
Advocates
of NJ

Sidewalk Advocates are desperately needed to serve as a beacon of hope and help to abortion-bound women entering the Pilgrim Abortion Clinic in Montclair. The team of LIFE ADVOCATES OF NJ's mission is to empower these troubled women, many of whom are in poverty and facing unsurmountable obstacles, having little or no support. Through the efforts of faithful volunteers, countless babies (and their mothers) have been spared from physical, emotional and spiritual scars of abortion. Volunteers are needed early mornings, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Training and literature handouts are provided free by Life Advocates of New Jersey. **If you feel called to this special ministry, please contact Adrianna Rowatti, Director: 845-680-6491 office, lifeadvocatesnj@protonmail.com www.lifeadvocatesnj.org**

Divine Mercy Academy News

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year at Divine Mercy Academy in Rockaway is now open!

Come see the difference an academically excellent Catholic education makes! Divine Mercy Academy is a Catholic elementary school offering a comprehensive Pre-K through 8th grade faith-based education. We offer a safe, secure & compassionate environment with a high level of individualized attention; certified teachers; weekly liturgies & daily Religion class; academic curriculum with all core subjects; STEM; physical education; music, art, Spanish & library, with technology integrated throughout the curriculum. Aftercare and extracurricular activities available.

Transfer Grants and Scholarships are available to eligible students.

Full day & Half Day Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 programs available. Full Day Kindergarten. We are located at 87 Halsey Avenue in Rockaway. Visit our website at www.dmarockaway.org or call 973-627-6003 for more information.



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

Religious Education



Registration for Religious Education classes for 2024-2025 is open now. Please go to the web site to register under the Faith Formation tab.

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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



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!

WHEN A PRIEST IS NEEDED—When a family member is sick and in need of a priest for the sacraments please call the parish office so that a priest will be notified of the request. **ON THE WEEKENDS, HOLIDAYS AND EVENINGS AFTER OFFICE HOURS, PLEASE CALL THE EMERGENCY NUMBER (862-251-3914) AND LEAVE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER CLEARLY AND A PRIEST WILL RESPOND.** Please note that the hospital does not call the parish office to notify the priest if a parishioner is admitted. This becomes the families responsibility.

A SPACE FOR THE HANDICAPPED – Through my pastoral observations and experiences I have concluded that a suitable space is needed in our church for our handicapped parishioners. Accommodation must be made to allow those who use walkers, wheelchairs and other aids to attend Divine Services safely and comfortably. At the recent meeting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops the hierarchs reaffirmed their concern that the disabled to be part of the worshipping community and that every effort should be made to accommodate them. I have met with the company which services our pews and have agreed with their proposal that the first pew on the right side (Altar of Saint Joseph) be altered. The entire first seat will be removed so as to provide sufficient access for walkers and wheelchairs. Signage will indicate that this pew is reserved for the handicapped only! This work will begin in the next few weeks. – Father Zig

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.

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS—Father Matt and I visit the homebound on the first Friday of every month with the Holy Eucharist and the availability for confession as well. Should you or someone you know like for the priest to visit them on first Friday, please call the parish office and leave your name and phone number so that we may add you to our schedule. - Fr. Zig

Come join the Sisters of Christian Charity for their 11th Annual Golf Outing and Inaugural Pickleball Clinic and Round Robin at Fiddler’s Elbow Country Club, Bedminster, NJ, on Monday, September 23, 2024. For more information go to <https://www.sccus.org/golf>.

FATHER AND SON CATHOLIC CAMP – The diocesan vocations office is sponsoring a summer outing for fathers and sons open to young men 13 and older and their fathers. Minors must be accompanied by a male guardian. Campers provide their own tent and sleeping bag. Meals included. Registration deadline is JULY 31. Registration is required. **WHEN:** August 9-11 at Wawayanda State Park in Hewitt, NJ. Outdoor Mass with Bishop Kevin Sweeney. Program of activities is planned. Register by calling 973.777.8818x711 or vocations@patersondiocese.org.



My dear parishioners,

As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist we commemorate the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Sacred Scriptures which are presented to us today speak about “being sent by God to others.” In this sending forth the disciple is commissioned to speak in the Lord’s Name. In addition, one is to perform the works of God so that through this ministry others may experience the salvation of God. There have been those whom the Lord calls for this task that are resistant, such as the Prophet Amos, for no other reason than feeling inadequate for such work. The Scriptures testify that those whom the Lord chooses He never abandons but rather equips them for the task for which they have been summoned. So too in the Gospel passage for today we hear of the sending forth of the Twelve not with material assistance but only with the help which comes from above. Carrying with them only the spiritual provisions provided by the Lord Jesus they are amazed that demons flee from them and that the sick whom they anoint are cured of their infirmities – To God Be the Glory!

In today’s epistle reading from the Apostle Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians we hear Paul give God the glory as he reflects upon the blessings he has received, as well as others through his ministry. When one steps back from the task given by God, you are able to see the workings which the Lord performed through His servant, all possible because of the power of the Holy Spirit. The Lord never gives a task to His servants without empowering them to do the work for which they have been sent. This Sunday we are being invited to reflect upon our “being sent by God to others.” Yes, we are being sent just like Amos and the Twelve into the world to witness to the glory of God by our words and through our deeds. It was in sacrament of Baptism that we were chosen for this work and through the sacrament of Confirmation that we were gifted with the Holy Spirit and sent forth to our families, neighborhoods, peers, workplaces and all places without exception. This is what the Apostle Paul meant when he wrote: “*In Him (Christ) we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of His will, so that we might exist for the praise of His glory, we who first hoped in Christ. In Him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation, and have believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s possession, to the praise of His glory.*”

So consider yourself as being sent, because indeed you have been! PROCLAIM THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL AND ACCOMPANY IT WITH YOUR MERCIFUL DEEDS!

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST-GLORY FOREVER!

Father Zig

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
July 14

KATERI was born near the town of Auriesville, New York, in the year 1656, the daughter of a Mohawk warrior. She was four years old when her mother died of smallpox. The disease also attacked Kateri and transfigured her face. She was adopted by her two aunts and an uncle.

Kateri became converted as a teenager. She was baptized at the age of twenty and incurred the great hostility of her tribe. Although she had to suffer greatly for her Faith, she remained firm in it. Kateri went to the new Christian colony of Indians in Canada. Here she lived a life dedicated to prayer, penitential practices, and care for the sick and aged. Every morning, even in bitterest winter, she stood before the chapel door until it opened at four and remained there until after the last Mass. She was devoted to the Eucharist and to Jesus Crucified. She died on April 7, 1680, at the age of twenty-four. She is known as the “Lily of the Mohawks.”

PRAYER Lord, You called the Virgin, Blessed Kateri, to shine forth among the Indian people as an example of purity of life. Grant, through her intercession, that all peoples of every tribe, tongue, and nation, may be gathered into Your Church and proclaim Your greatness in one song of praise. Amen.

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