



**GOSPEL MEDITATION -
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

“You cannot see the forest for the trees” is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don’t like, want, and don’t want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don’t move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the “now” time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and as-

sure us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 Wednesday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 Thursday CLOSED
 Friday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

WELCOME

Your presence is an encouragement to our parish community, as you join us online or in our church. It is our hope that you have experienced the joy of our Eucharistic Celebration no matter how you celebrate with us. We hope you feel welcome with a desire to join us again. If you are new to the community and wish to join our parish, please call the parish office.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of St. John Neumann Parish see the Eucharist as source and summit of our joyful faith. Our united purpose is building a deeper spirituality through loving our neighbor and witnessing the Gospel to the world.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Mon	8/2	No Mass		
Tue	8/3	8:00 a.m.	Nativity	English
			Billy Gilday by Ralph & Kathy Getts	
Wed	8/4	9:00 a.m.	Holy Name	English
			Donald Walsh, Sr. by Bob & Sue Barry	
Thu	8/5	7:00 p.m.	Nativity	Spanish
			Rev. Charles J. O'Donnell by the Family	
Fri	8/6	9:00 a.m.	Holy Name	English
			Charles T. Vermac, Jr. by St. John Neumann Parish	
Sat	8/7	4:30 p.m.	Nativity	English
			Helen Bauer by Her Family	
Sat	8/7	6:30 p.m.	Nativity	Spanish
			The People of the Parish	
Sun	8/8	9:30 a.m.	Nativity	English
			Peggy Ettinger by the DeMola/Haynous Family	
Sun	8/8	1:00 p.m.	Nativity	Spanish
			Emilia Rodriguez by the Nacipucha Family	



RESTORING SUNDAY

MASS OBLIGATION

Bishop Bambera released a letter to the Faithful of the Diocese of Scranton indicating the Sunday Mass obligation will be reinstated **August 15, 2021** in the Diocese of Scranton. This change will also occur in each diocese in Pennsylvania on the same date. The Bishops encourage all the faithful to return to the Table of the Lord and be nourished by the Bread of Life! Our participation at Mass in-person is a gift for our own spiritual well-being, happiness and eternal salvation. It is also our responsibility to our brothers and sisters with whom we journey in faith. It is important to note that people who are seriously ill or have a serious health risk, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety of being part of a large group will continue to be legitimately excused from participating in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. However, these individuals are still encouraged to spend time in prayer.



WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday:

4:30pm (English) and 6:30pm (Spanish)

Sunday:

9:30am (English) and 1:00pm (Spanish)

WELCOME HOME!

Please invite family members, friends, and neighbors to come in person as well.

COMMUNION VISITS

If you know of someone that would like to be on the communion list for a home visit, please call the parish office: 570-344-6159. For the safety of everyone, we ask that the individual being visited, and the Eucharistic Ministers have the Covid19 vaccine. If you are a Eucharistic Minister, and would be willing to do communion visits, please call the parish office.

LECTOR SCHEDULES

Lector schedules have been sent out for July and August. If you were a lector before the pandemic, maybe now you are ready to return to lecturing as we return "in-person" worship on weekends, or if you have never been a lector, consider joining this ministry. This is a great opportunity for our youth and young adults to become more active in ministry. If interested, please contact the parish office: 570-344-6159. Proclaiming the Word of God is a great way to participate in spreading the Good News!

REQUESTS FOR ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATES

The role of a sponsor is primarily a spiritual role to model a Christian life for the child. Therefore, anyone requesting a certificate must be a registered and participating member of our parish, a practicing Catholic in good standing, at least 16 years of age, and have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

WORD



SHARING YOUR FAITH

Question:

My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I'm afraid to. How do I share my faith?

Answer:

There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don't be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because he has faith in you!

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REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Thank you to all our families who took the time to register for our Faith Formation Program. It was wonderful to see everyone, and exciting to know that the learning of our faith is important to you! If you missed our open registration days, please call the parish office to make an appointment to come in and register, the office number is 344-6159. It is expected that all families are registered by now. Reminder: There is a late fee of \$10.00 for registering after July 15. Classes are for all registered parish children grades 1-8 and children are expected to attend Faith Formation all through elementary and middle school.

GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

First Reconciliation & First Communion:

Children have been baptized and are ready to actively participate in a **2-year** program that includes regular class attendance and regular attendance at Sunday Mass. Instructions begin when child is in **grade 1** and continues through **grade 2**. It is especially important that children be enrolled in the program when they begin **First Grade**. These guidelines are consistent throughout the Catholic Dioceses across the United States. If for some *serious* reason your child was not prepared following the regular norms, then some parishes create an adaptive 2-year program to accommodate these children provided there are catechists available. Typically, these children are enrolled in an RCIC program, provided catechists are available.

Sacrament of Confirmation:

The Diocese of Scranton requires a two-year program for Confirmation as well. Confirmation prep begins in grade 7 and continues through grade 8. Preparation includes regular attendance at class, and regular attendance at Sunday Mass, participation in parish and community service projects. Students enrolled in Confirmation Prep must be baptized and have received First Reconciliation and First Communion. If you have a child in grades 1 or 7, NOW is the time to enroll them in Sacramental programs. Please contact Sister Suzie 344-6159 ext. 161 if you have any questions regarding sacramental prep for your child.

FAITH QUESTION OF THE WEEK



Adults: When has your faith helped you believe without "seeing signs" from God?

Kids: Who helps you believe in things you cannot see?

We pray that everyone has a safe summer and that you remember to put God **FIRST** and **CENTER** in all that you do!



COMMUNITY

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHING-OUT

We will continue to host Senior Lunches! The Lunching-Out is open to all parishioners and friends 55+. We meet at 11:30 to be the "early birds" and enjoy lunching together at a local restaurant. Places are chosen with ample parking and handicapped accessibility. Safety is our most important priority but being with others and sharing stories and laughter is a goal as well. Reservations are needed so we can confirm seating with the restaurant. Mary Joan Burns will be our new coordinator, arranging the place and date. Watch the bulletin for up coming dates and places of dining. To RSVP, please call the parish office by Monday before the luncheon. Typically Senior Lunching-Out is the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

PARISH GRADEN AND GREEN SPACE

Our garden is growing! Some of our families who tend the garden will be traveling during July and are hoping some of you will help with weeding, planting, and watering. The garden is located in the lower parking lot under the "arch". Please contact Cassie Haw 215-833-7703 if you can lend a hand. We now have two picnic tables in the "Green Space" garden! It is a great space to bring your family and a picnic supper and enjoy the little oasis. Please remember to take your garbage with you so the space stays clean and available for others. It is also a great space for bringing a lawn chair, good book to take a break from the hustle and bustle of daily life. It truly is a great little oasis! A patio has been added and two more benches! Take time to enjoy our own little bit of heaven on earth.

ITALIAN FESTIVAL

SS. Anthony & Rocco Parish Italian Festival, Aug. 13, 14 & 15 at St. Rocco's Church Grounds, 122 Kurtz St., Dunmore. Opens Fri. & Sat. at 5:00 PM; Sunday Following Mass & Procession at 12:00 Noon. Food, Games and Live Entertainment: **Friday:** DHS Marching Units & Cheerleaders and Picture Perfect; **Saturday:** Holy Cross H.S. Cheerleaders and Popstar Drive; **Sunday:** Feast Day Mass & Procession at 12 Noon followed by *Jim Cullen, Jack Bordo and Sharon Ambrozia, Scranton Prep Cheerleaders, The Luongo Brothers Band,* and FIREWORKS AT 9 PM.

OUTDOOR ROSARY

Come pray an Outdoor Candlelight Rosary with us!! On Sunday, August 15, the Feast of the Assumption, at 6:30 pm at Holy Rosary Church, 316 William St., Scranton. Some chairs will be available but you are encouraged to bring a lawn chair if you are able to do so. In case of rain, the rosary will be held in our church.

FREE BACKPACK GIVEAWAY

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Saturday, **August 7** from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pre-K thru Grade 8, Pick up in the rear parking lot of Saint Ann's Basilica, 1233 Saint Ann's Street, Scranton. Must sign up to receive. Please call Jennifer 570-733-7777.

STJN SERVICE

2nd SUNDAY FOOD SUNDAY

Your generosity is very much appreciated as we continue to help support the food pantry here at St. John Neumann. On 2nd Sunday Food Sunday food is collected at mass or food donations may be dropped off anytime during the week on the side rectory porch. All donations are given to the Food Pantry on Tuesday mornings. The food pantry is an outreach of Catholic Social Services and is open on Tuesdays from 1-4pm. During the summer months more families rely on the food pantry to help provide food for their children as most children in our area are participating in free breakfast and lunch programs. AGAIN, thank you for helping to feed those in need. Items such as rice, boxed milk, canned meat, pasta, cereal, sauce are always needed. Next date: **SUNDAY, AUGUST 8.**

C.I.C "STEP UP TO THE PLATE"

The 3rd Saturday of every Month our parishioners volunteer to provide and send cooked meal items to the Community Intervention Center (C.I.C). This local day shelter is for men and women who are homeless. Every dish is genuinely appreciated and amazingly it all comes together with many different items. We ask that food be put in disposable containers. Please call Ann Talerico 570-614-3633 or Terri Millard 570-430-1690, our parish coordinators to help with this meal. Items may be cold or cooked and will be reheated at the Center if necessary. Our next dinner date is **SATURDAY, AUGUST 21.**

BROWN BAG MINISTRY

Brown Bag Ministry usually meets immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on the first Sunday of the month. "Brown Bag" lunches are made and delivered to area shelters and to the homeless in our area. THANK YOU to everyone donating food items to this ministry. We appreciate your donations and are thrilled when the Amazon and Walmart trucks show up with deliveries from you! Suggested items of need are sweet and salty snacks, sandwich bread, fruit cups and small bottles of water. Food items may be dropped off on the rectory porch anytime. Please mark items "Brown Bag Ministry". To volunteer, contact Trish Kmiec: 570-961-1555. It is a great way to do service and enjoy fellowship all at the same time. Your generosity of time, talent and treasure helps keep this ministry in action. **Next date: To be announced.**

"HANDS OF HOPE" MINISTRY

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we have a wonderful selection of prayer shawls/lap blankets for the giving. These beautiful handmade prayer shawls are given out for many reasons; people experiencing anxiety, isolation, depression, illness, loss of a loved one, new baby, new residence and many other reasons. The shawls come in many colors and are sure to bring hope to a loved one, neighbor or acquaintance. The shawls are free for the asking, to request a prayer shawl, contact the parish office and we will have one available for you to pick up. Help us be the gentle hugs of Jesus to someone!

LEADERSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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Deacon Al Giacometti, Pastoral Associate
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ST. JOHN NEUMANN PARISH CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

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Our next fund raiser is up and running and we are excited! Each day some lucky calendar holder will have a chance to win an awesome cash or gift card prize. Calendar Raffles are available now for **only \$5 each**. Every day in September 2021, someone will win between \$25 and \$100 in cash or Sunoco gift cards. To get your calendar, contact one of our sellers: Patti Mitchell, LeeAnn Eschbach, Debbie Lettieri, Ellen Eiden, Phyllis Kearney, or call Barbara at the parish office 570-344-6159 today! **Sales end August 31, 2021.**

MANAGING GOD'S GIFTS TO US

	<u>07/18/2021</u>	<u>07/19/2020</u>
Tithe	\$ 3,691.00	\$ 2,242.00
Loose	\$ 701.00	\$ 142.04
Other	\$ 8,168.00*	\$ 699.00
Total	\$12,560.00	\$ 3,083.04



*Includes \$5,000 Social Justice Grant

Expenses paid from general account July 12-18 = \$21,755.85

We would like to thank **OLESKI ELECTRIC** for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP

Can you help us reach our goal?

PARISH SUMMER FUNDRAISER

Parish Goal: Sell 2,600 books of raffle tickets.

100% of our goal would raise \$10,000!

20 days left to reach our GOAL... Please help!

Please encourage friends and family to buy raffle tickets and turn them in as soon as possible. We need everyone to join in and support this fund raiser.

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Please buy or sell as many Raffle Tickets as you are able. All sold and unsold tickets should be returned to the parish office as soon as possible, or by **Friday, August 20**. You may mail them into the office, drop them off in our mail slot, or put them in the collection box in church.

Additional tickets are available in the parish office.

PRACTICING GRACIOUSNESS IN THE DESERT

Looking back over my journey of parenthood, I know there were days when I traveled the extra mile for my children. I made their toast the way they like it, let them play in the park an extra ten minutes, or let them go to the movies with their friends and I finished up the chores on my own. And then, it happened: the attitude. The request for the smallest thing from one of them is met with disdain or bewilderment.

Sometimes you can be made breathless with the in-gratitude of another person who takes so much and with so little shame, only to scoff at the idea that they, too, give even the smallest amount.

But if we're being honest with ourselves, we will admit that we do the exact same thing to God. Haven't we all been the Israelites in the desert at one point or another? God has parted our Red Sea in some way. He's led us out of some great trial, given us some great blessings. But then we run into a little resistance somewhere along the way and we throw up our hands. How could you do this to us, Lord? How could you ask this of us? No, I can't go any further. No, I won't do any more.

Persisting in the blindness to the many ways God continues to protect us is nothing short of a temper tantrum. It robs our Everyday Stewardship of its graciousness, of our ability to accept with joy the trials of life because we are also constantly aware of its blessings. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Horas de la oficina

Lunes 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Martes 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Miércoles 10:00 am-4:00 pm
Jueves Cerrado
Viernes 10:00 am-4:00 pm

HORARIO DE LAS MISAS

El Fin de Semana

Sábado a las 4:30 PM en Nativity (ingles)
Sábado a las 6:30 PM en Nativity (español)
Domingo a las 9:30 AM en Nativity (ingles)
Domingo a las 1:00 PM en Nativity (español)

Los Días de la Semana

Martes a las 8:00 AM en Nativity (ingles)
Miércoles a las 9:00 AM en Holy Name (ingles)
Jueves a las 7:00 PM en Nativity (español)
Viernes a las 9:00 AM en Holy Name (ingles)

LAS MOCHILAS GRATIS

Sábado, 7 de agosto, 11:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m. para los niños en Pre-K hasta el octavo grado. En el estacionamiento de St. Ann's Basilica, 1233 Saint Ann's Street, Scranton. Necesitas una cita para recibir una mochila, debes llamar Jennifer a 570-733-7777.



REGISTRACION PARA 2021-2022 CLASES DE LA FORMACION DE LA FE

Muchas gracias a todas nuestras familias quien han registrado para la formación de la fe. **Si todavía necesitas registrar, ¡todavía tienes tiempo!** Si necesitas registrar, puedes hacerlo sólo por cita solamente. Si necesitas registrar, puedes llamar la oficina, 570-344-6159, para obtener una cita. Tendremos clases para todos nuestros niños en grados 1-8, y todos los niños deben asistir en las clases de la formación de la fe para todos los grados.

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¡LA RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS DE SAN JUAN NEUMANN CON CALENDARIOS DE PREMIOS!

Nuestra próxima recaudación de fondos para nuestra parroquia es un Calendario de Premios! Con solo \$5 dólares puedes ganar un premio. ¡Aún mejor, puedes comprar tantos calendarios como quieres! Puedes comprar los Calendarios después de las misas o en la oficina. **¡La venta finaliza 31 de agosto de 2021!**

1 DE AGOSTO DE 2021

DIRECTRICES Y REQUISITOS PARA RECIBIR LOS SACRAMENTOS DE INICIACIÓN

Primera Comunión

El programa de preparación para Primera Comunión es dos años. Las clases para Primera Comunión comienzan en Grado 1 y continua en Grado 2. Preparación incluye asistencia regular en las clases y en la misa dominical. Si tienes un niño que no ha recibido Primera Comunión durante el momento adecuado debe hablar con Hermana Suzie sobre las opciones disponibles para su niño.

Confirmación

El programa de preparación para Confirmación es dos años. Las clases de preparación comienzan en Grado 7 y continua en Grado 8. Preparación incluye asistencia regular en las clases y en la misa dominical, y participación en el servicio a la comunidad y la parroquia. Los estudiantes en las clases de preparación para Confirmación deben ser bautizado y ha recibió la primera comunión. Puedes llamar Hermana Suzie si tienes algunas preguntas sobre la preparación sacramental por sus niños.

Información de Bautismos / Bodas / Quinceañeras

Los Bautismos

Los padres deben asistir a dos clases de preparación para el bautismo. Deben llamar la oficina para mas informacion .Y luego, deben reunirse con Padre Jonathan para una reunión final y encontrar una fecha para el bautismo.

Clases de Bautismo para niños

Las clases del bautismo para los niños. Si tienes un niño que necesita el sacramento del bautismo que tiene 4, 5, o 6 años, ellos necesitan recibir una clase del bautismo con Hermana Suzie. Puedes llamarla en la oficina 570-344-6159 o en su teléfono celular 252-670-7906. Ella está planeando tener una clase en Junio.

Las Quinceañeras

Para celebrar una misa de quinceañera, los padres y la hija deben reunirse con Padre Jonathan al menos seis meses antes de la fecha. Las niñas deben iniciarse plenamente con el bautismo, la eucaristía y la confirmación.

Las Bodas

Las parejas deben reunirse con Padre Jonathan al menos seis meses antes de la fecha para reuniones importantes de planificación.



OPORTUNIDADES PARA MINISTERIO

En algunas semanas, anunciaremos oportunidades para servir en varios ministerios en nuestra parroquia. Muy pronto, tendremos sesiones de entrenamiento para los ministros de lectores, ministros de la Eucarística, los monaguillos y otras oportunidades. Ahora es un buen tiempo a comenzar pensando sobre estas preguntas: ¿cómo puedo servir la parroquia? ¿Qué quiere Dios de mí? ¿Cómo, por servicio, puedo mejorar mi relación con mis hermanos cristianos y hacer el trabajo del evangelio? Mientras miramos más allá de la pandemia, este es una buena oportunidad para examinar el rol de la parroquia – y Dios – en nuestras vidas.



!EL RESTABLECIMIENTO DE LA OBLIGACION DE LA MISA DOMINICAL!

Desde marzo de 2020, ha habido una dispensa en la Diócesis de Scranton de la obligación de participar en la Misa dominical y en las Días Santos de Obligación. Este fue necesario para proteger la salud de todos. Pero ahora, es con gran alegría que el obispo Joseph ha anunciado que esa dispensa finalizará el domingo, 5 de agosto de 2021, la solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María. En su carta a la diócesis, el obispo invitó y animó todos los fieles "a regresar a la Mesa del Señor y se nutran del Pan de Vida." Y por supuesto, él dijo que "es importante tener en cuenta que las personas que estén gravemente enfermos o tengan un grave riesgo de salud, así como aquellas que tengan un miedo o ansiedad significativos de formar parte de un grupo grande, seguirán estando legítimamente eximidas de participar en la misa los domingos y días santos." Para esas personas, el obispo les animó a "pasar tiempo en oración, meditando sobre la Muerte y Resurrección del Señor, leyendo la Sagrada Escritura y uniéndose a Cristo en su adoración al Padre de todos nosotros."

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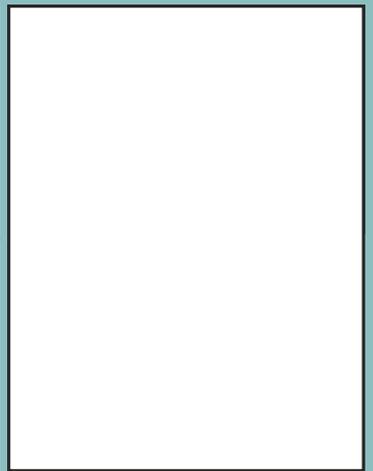
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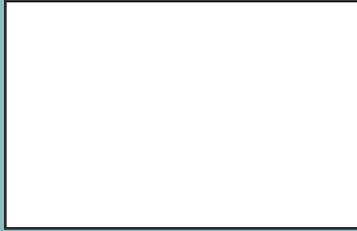
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