



# TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



July 28, 2019

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*St. Paul the Apostle Church*  
Corner of 6th & Raritan Avenue  
Highland Park, NJ 08904

*Guardian Angels Church*  
37 Plainfield Avenue, Edison, NJ 08817

## Vision Statement

The vision of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish is to have an enlightening and transforming experience of God through a greater faith and knowledge of Jesus.

## *The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass*

### **St. Paul the Apostle**

Sunday – 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.. 12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Daily Mass: Mon. Wed. through Fri. – 8:00 a.m.,

Tuesday: No Mass

Sacrament of Penance By Appointment

### **Guardian Angels**

Saturday Vigil – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday – 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.

Daily Mass: Mon., Weds. through Sat. 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday: No Mass

Sacrament of Penance Saturday 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Transfiguration Chapel, Guardian Angels

Rev. Abraham Lotha, PhD, Pastor

Fr. Pauly Thekkan, in Residence, Deacon Edward Krupa

Carol Terzino, Administrative Assistant

Carol Mascola, Parish Catechetical Leader

Parish Office Hours—Monday through Thursday—9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday—9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Parish Membership:** We welcome new members to our Parish family and request you register in the Parish as soon as possible. Active membership is determined by registration, faithful participation and giving of one's time, talent and resources to this community of faith. **The parish cannot issue certificates of eligibility for sacramental sponsorship, give recommendations or character references if a person is not an active parishioner.**

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** Baptism is the celebration through which a child is brought into the faith of the Catholic Church. Parents must be registered and practicing members of the parish. Parents and sponsors are required to attend a pre-baptismal class. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics in good standing and able to obtain a certificate of eligibility from their parish.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** The Sacrament of Matrimony requires a time of spiritual, intellectual and emotional preparation. Couples should arrange with the Parish Office one (1) year prior to the wedding date. Please call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor prior to making any other wedding plans.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** Anyone who feels called by God to become a member of the Catholic Church participates in the RCIA Program. A series of instructions and liturgical ceremonies designed to give total formation in the Catholic Faith.



17<sup>th</sup> Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Lk 11:9

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**Monday, July 28 - St. Martha**  
**St. Paul's Worship Site**  
**8:00 a.m. Abdul Aziz Jallo Jamboriat**  
 Requested by: Betty Lou Varady  
**Guardian Angels Worship Site**  
**9:00 a.m. Mary I. Garvey†**  
 Requested by: Parish

**Tuesday, July 30**  
**No Mass At Either Church**

**Wednesday, July 31 - St Ignatius of Loyola**  
**St. Paul's Worship Site**  
**8:00 a.m. Arthur & Edith Mattie†**  
 Requested by: Debbie & Tom DeChiara  
**Guardian Angels Worship Site**  
**9:00 a.m. Peter Sheridan, Jr.†**

**Thursday, August 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguri**  
**St. Paul's Worship Site**  
**8:00 a.m. Frank Shirley†**  
 Requested by: Kim & Ed Krupa  
**Guardian Angels Worship Site**  
**9:00 a.m. Carmella Suzberic†**  
 Requested by: Judith Hansen

**Friday, August 2**  
**St. Paul's Worship Site**  
**8:00 a.m. George E. Gerhard†**  
**Guardian Angels Worship Site**  
**9:00 a.m. Mary I. Garvey†**  
 Requested by: Bob & Mary Ann Takash

**Saturday, August 3**  
**Guardian Angels Worship Site**  
**9:00 a.m. Geraldine & Joseph Farrell**  
**4:00 p.m. Terry McComiskey†**  
 Requested by: Cathy McComiskey

**Sunday, August 4 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**St. Paul's Worship Site**  
**8:00 a.m. Cathrine Makavage†**  
 Requested by: Noreen Horvath  
**10:00 a.m. Bob McArdle†**  
 Requested by: Family  
**12:30 p.m. People of the Parish**  
**Guardian Angels Worship Site**  
**9:00 a.m. Mary Lou Wilson†**  
 Requested by: Jeanette & Jerome Gomolcak  
**11:15 a.m. Erica Lund**  
 Requested by: Carla Guerreiro

**LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**Guardian Angels Worship Site**

**Saturday, August 3 4:00 p.m.**  
**Lector:** Mary Anne Day  
**Eucharistic Minister:** M. Carro, A. Hoey  
 V. Reyes, N. Padernal  
**Ushers:** R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon

**Sunday, August 4 9:00 a.m.**  
**Lector:** Mike White  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Gene Tardiff, Angelo Damone  
**Ushers:** A. Damone, J. Markano, C. Suzberic

**Sunday, August 4 11:15 a.m.**  
**Lector:** Theresa Angelillo  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Judy Barta, Carla Guerreiro  
**Ushers:** J. Donnelly, H. Melendez, P. Weir

**St. Paul the Apostle Worship Site**

**Sunday, August 4 8:00 a.m.**  
**Lector:** J. Cranley, M. Cranley  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Anna & Joachim Pak  
**Ushers:** J. Garlatti, Peter Hackett

**Sunday, August 4 10:00 a.m.**  
**Lector:** Ann Stephens  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Kathleen Joraskie, Joan McArdle  
**Ushers:** J. McGarry, G. Emmett, J. Adadevoh, J. Swamy

***Please pray for the sick and homebound,***

Peggy Abecker	Donovan Mak
Ben Andrulewich	Carmen (Pete) Manero
Rita Beckhorn	Joan McArdle
Barbara Bilinski	Paul Millar
Alfred Broderick	Suzanne Niederland
Robert Broderick	Stephanie P.
Carol Byrne	Paul Pachucki
Charles Byrne	Ellen Pelosi
Pat Daley	Kathy Young Phillips
Steven Dempsey	Antonia Sacristan
Migdalia Diaz	Robert F. Santoro
Dee Donnelly	Jack Santos
Felipe Elimanco	Mickey Schiavone
Kathy Goodman	Marge Shirley
Mark Iannacone	Camille Silverman
Betty Kiss	Cathy Roesinger Sloane
Brittany Knapp	Steve & Alice Marie Sloss
John Kriegl	Christina Stevenson
Kathy & Joseph Lamela	Helen Szaranowski
Anthony Lepore	Jean Toth
Adam Lubonski	Frank Valendo
	Joe Valendo
	William B. Zalek

**Pastoral Care of the Sick**

Any parishioner who is sick, aged or incapacitated may receive the Eucharist at home. Please contact the Parish Office to have a priest visit you at home or in the hospital.

**Donations for Memorial & Intentions 2019**

Thank you to those parishioners for donating the following items.

- Wine—\$1,500—in memory of William & Arlene Eichler
- Hosts—\$1,000—(anonymous)
- Hosts (Low Gluten)—\$75.00 (anonymous)
- Palm Leaves—\$250 (anonymous)
- Candles & Candle Oil—\$1,500 (anonymous)

**Prayers for Military Personnel**

Rear Admiral David G. Manero, Navy  
 Sgt. Kevin Klemick, Marines  
 Captain Hayes Cozza, Marines  
 First Lieutenant Santino Cozza, Air Force  
 Corporal Thomas G. Monahan, Marines  
 SPC. Brandon D'Souza  
 Airman Tamari Bailey, Air Force  
 Captain Michael Asprocola, Marines  
 Sgt. Preston Zalek, Army  
 Chief Petty Officer Joseph M. Zalek, Navy  
 SR Cullen McArdle, Navy

Please call the Parish Office if you have a family member serving in the Armed Services and would like to be included.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sunday, September 8:** First day of Religious Education
- Friday, September 13:** 7 pm to 10 pm: Tricky Tray
- Sunday, October 6:** Rosary Brunch
- Monday Oct. 29 to Nov. 6:** Shades of Ireland Tour
- Saturday, November 16:** 10 am to 2 pm: Flea Market
- Saturday, December 7:** 5 pm: Christmas Tree Lighting and Ministry Appreciation Dinner
- Saturday, Dec. 28:** 6 pm to 10 pm: Year-End Party

**OFFERINGS**

- Sunday Offertory 7/21/19-\$4,974
- Shop Rite: \$1,756—Profit \$100
- Bring a Dollar to Church- \$177
- Edison Pizza -\$662
- Summer Raffle—\$3,935
- Anonymous—\$50

**Guardian Angels Parking Lot - Total Cost—TBD**

As of 7/21/19

Bring a Dollar	\$ 610
Shop Rite	300
Summer Raffle	3.935
Edison Pizza	662
Anonymous	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5.557</b>

**Bishop Appeal Status**

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$35,042.00 and payments totaling \$33,334.50 from 169 parishioners. This represents 73.0% of your \$48,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts

**SECOND COLLECTION**

Next weekend, August 3 and 4, there will be a Second Collection for our energy costs.

**Religious Education Program**

Registration for Grades Pre-K through 8 are open. We are a Traditional Weekly Parish Religious Education Program. Classes are held weekly from September through the end of May. Class meets from 11:00 AM to 12:10 PM at the Parish Center in Highland Park. Regular Mass attendance is required.

**Tuition & Book Fees**

1 Child: \$65, 2 Children: \$95, 3 or more children: \$125.  
 Sacramental Fees are to be paid at Registration.  
 Confirmation Fee: \$75 covers books, additional Resources and Retreat.

**Wedding Anniversary**

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 4:00 PM. Registration is required. Please register online at: [diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold](http://diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold)

**Walking Pilgrimage**

**Saturday, September 21st**

**In the Footsteps of St. Joan Diego**

Geared principally towards youth and families.  
 Start and End—Immaculate Conception, Annandale 9 Miles (9:30 am-8:00pm rain or shine)  
 Lunch and Dinner included with registration, Mass with Bishop James Checchio. For more information go to [www.lightingheartsonfire.org/walkingpilgrimage](http://www.lightingheartsonfire.org/walkingpilgrimage).

**Parish Feast**

**Transfiguration and Friends Talent Show  
 At Guardian Angels Hall**

**Saturday, August 3, 2019—5:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

This year to celebrate our Parish Feast, we will have coffee and snacks and a Talent Show after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Please fill in the form below or a form at the back of the church if you would like to participate in the talent show. You can drop off the form in the collection basket or at the parish office.

*Transfiguration and Friends Talent Show*

at the

*Guardian Angels Hall, Edison*

*Saturday, August 3, 2019*

*5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.*

*To celebrate our Parish Feast*

*Have you heard that the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish is inviting YOU to participate in a Talent Show to be held on August 3, 2019? Yes, you!!! ©*

*Please sign up to show your Talent in:*

*Dance*

*Song*

*Play an Instrument*

*Recite a Poem*

*Perform your favorite talent and/or show how to crochet or knit*

*Create an entire gift box out of one box top*

*Provide Short cuts for baking (how to substitute one ingredient for another).*

*Come on ... please sign up and share your talent!!!*

*Thank you!!!*

*The Talent Show Committee*

*For more information, please call the Parish Office at 732-572-0977 or Email [transfiguration.parity@verizon.net](mailto:transfiguration.parity@verizon.net)*

*Please provide your contact info and talent on this sheet and drop in the Church's Collection Basket or Parish Office by July 28, 2019*

Name.....

Phone Number.....Talent.....

**Tricky Tray**

Our Parish Tricky Tray is Friday, September 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Guardian Angels parish hall.. We are in need of raffle baskets--children's games/puzzles, baby baskets for expectant Moms, any theme baskets you would like to prepare. We are happy to add your donations to a basket if you do not have enough to complete a basket. Also needed are gift cards or cash donations. You may drop off donations at any of the masses at Guardian Angels or St. Paul's. Make the ushers aware that you have a donation. Our Tricky Tray was a huge success last year, and we want this year to be the same. On behalf of the Tricky Tray Team, we thank you very much. Barbara Durkin, Sharon Loftus, Marguerite Santos.

**TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH**  
**Iglesia St. Paul the Apostle - 21 julio 2019**

**Nuestra Visión Parroquial**

**La visión de la Parróquia de la Transfiguración del Señor es vivir una experiencia de Dios que nos ilumine y nos transforme a causa de un mejor conocimiento de Jesús y una fé mayor en Él.**

**Las ofrendas del domingo 14 de julio fueron \$257 de acuerdo a la posibilidad de sus recursos y medios.**

**Coordinadores**

**Lectores:** Nestor Collazo

**Ministros eucarísticos:** Maria Pinelo

**Servidores de altar:** Elizabeth Martinez

**Membresía Parroquial**

Nuevos residents de la comunidad son bienvenidos a registrarse como feligreses. Tambien les pedimos que cualquier cambio de direccion, correo electronico o numero de telefono sea sometido a la oficina de la parroquia con prontitud.

**El sacramento del bautismo**

El bautismo es la celebración a través de la cual un niño es llevado a la fe de la Iglesia Católica. Los padres deben estar registrados y practicando miembros de la parroquia. Los padres están obligados a asistir a una clase pre-bautismal. Los padrinos deben ser católicos practicantes y poder obtener un certificado de elegibilidad de su parroquia.

**Sacramento del matrimonio**

El sacramento del matrimonio requiere un tiempo de preparación espiritual, intelectual y emocional. Las parejas deben concertar con la oficina parroquial un año antes de la fecha de la boda. Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para una cita con el pastor antes de hacer cualquier otro plan de boda.

**RCIA**

Cualquiera que se sienta llamado por Dios para convertirse en miembro de la Iglesia Católica participa en el programa RICA. Una serie de instrucciones y ceremonias litúrgicas diseñadas para dar buena información en la fe católica.

**Misa Intención Especial**

Favor de tener presente que usted puede ofrecer una misa para sus seres queridos o una intención especial. Vea el boletín para las fechas disponibles en abril.

**Cuidado pastoral de los enfermos**

Cualquier feligrés que esté enfermo, envejecido o incapacitado puede recibir la eucaristía en casa. Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia.

**Fiesta parroquial**

En la última reunión de los líderes de la comunidad hispanoparlante, decidimos tener un almuerzo para todos los voluntarios de la misa en español (Lectores, ministros de la Eucaristía, ujieres, etc.) después de la misa en español el 4 de agosto.

**Día de peregrinación**

Día de peregrinación a pie de nueve millas: El camino de San Juan Diego Año Diocesano de Despertar Espiritual para la Consagración a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Sábado, 21 de septiembre de 2019. 9:30 am a 8:00 pm. Con sol o lluvia. Comienza y termina: Immaculate Conception, Annandale. Especialmente invitados son jóvenes y familias. Misa con el obispo James Checchio. Los menores de 18 años deberán de estar acompañados por un padre o un adulto designado. Si es así, favor de completar el Formulario de Relevó deberá ser completado y enviarlo junto con este Formulario de Inscripción. Para obtenerlo vaya a: <http://www.LightingHeartsOnFire.org/walking-pilgrimage> Comida y cena están incluidas, pero \* no se pueden acomodar dietas especiales \* La inscripción es de \$20 por persona hasta el 30 de agosto; después del 30 de agosto, el costo es de \$25 por persona. Completar un formulario de inscripción por persona (los sacerdotes y religiosos van gratis con la inscripción)

**Lectores y Ministros eucarísticos para mayo**

**Fecha**

07/21/19  
07/28/19  
08/04/19  
08/11/19  
08/18/19  
08/25/19

**Lectores**

Nestor Collazo  
Tony Martin  
Sergio Pinelo  
Gerardo Martinez  
Maria Pinelo  
Rene Sanchez

**Ministros eucarísticos**

07/21/19  
07/28/19  
08/04/19  
08/11/19  
08/18/19  
08/25/19

Sergio & Maria Pinelo  
Rene Sanchez & Vilma Gonzalez  
Guadalupe Dias & Pilar Garda  
Rene Sanchez & Vilma Gonzalez  
Efrain & Guadalupe Zambrano  
Sergio & Maria Pinelo

**Fiesta Parroquial**

Este año celebraremos nuestra Fiesta Parroquial con café y aperitivos y un espectáculo de Talentos después de la misa de las 4:00 P. M. el sábado, 3 de agosto de 5 a 8 P. m. en el salón de la iglesia de los Ángeles Guardianes. Si usted desea participar en el concurso de talentos, favor llenar el formulario en el boletín o tome un formulario en la parte posterior de la iglesia. Puede dejar el formulario en la cesta de recogida o en la oficina parroquial.

**Educación Religiosa**

Como ustedes saben, ofrecemos un programa semanal de educación religiosa parroquial. Las inscripciones para el año escolar 2019-2020 están abiertas para los grados pre-K al 8vo. Las clases se llevarán a cabo semanalmente desde septiembre hasta finales de Mayo. La clases se reúnen de 11:00 am a 12:10 pm en el centro de la parroquia aquí en Highland Park. Se requiere asistencia consistente. El programa de educación religiosa comienza el 8 de septiembre. Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles en ambas iglesias y en la oficina parroquial. Dicho sea de paso, , necesitaremos maestros para pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, sexto grado, séptimo grado al igual que asistentes. Todos aquellos interesados en ser maestros o asistentes procuren llenar los formularios.

**"Tricky Tray"**

Nuestra actividad parroquial de "Tricky Tray" estará aquí antes de que nos demos cuenta. Necesitamos cestas de rifas-juegos infantiles / rompecabezas, cestas de bebé para las futuras Mamás, y cualquier cestas temáticas que quieras preparar. Estamos encantados de añadir sus donaciones a una cesta si no tiene suficiente para completar una cesta. También se necesitan tarjetas de regalo o donaciones en efectivo. El "tricky Tray" será el viernes, 13 de septiembre del 2019 a las 7: 00 pm en el salón de la parroquia de los Ángeles Guardianes. Usted puede dejar donaciones en cualquiera de las misas en los Ángeles Guardianes o aquí en San Pablo. Haga saber a los usuarios que usted tiene una donación. Nuestro "Tricky Tray" fue un gran éxito el año pasado, y queremos que este año sea el mismo.

**Question for Children:** Prayer is talking with God and listening to God in our hearts. Where do you talk to God and how do you listen to what God says to you?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus teaches us how important it is to pray. How do you ask God for what you need? How do you listen for his response?

**Question for Adults:** Jesus teaches us how to pray. When this past week did you take the time to pray, to talk to and listen to God?

### Youth Ministry

#### Summer Schedule:

Mini golf: 8/13/19

Anyone who was recently Confirmed at Transfiguration is certainly welcome to come to these events as well!

### **Amoris Laetitia: Marrying for love**

**131.** I would like to say to young people that none of this is jeopardized when their love finds expression in marriage. Their union encounters in this institution the means to ensure that their love truly will endure and grow. Naturally, love is much more than an outward consent or a contract, yet it is nonetheless true that choosing to give marriage a visible form in society by undertaking certain commitments shows how important it is. It manifests the seriousness of each person's identification with the other and their firm decision to leave adolescent individualism behind and to belong to one another. Marriage is a means of expressing that we have truly left the security of the home in which we grew up in order to build other strong ties and to take on a new responsibility for another person. This is much more meaningful than a mere spontaneous association for mutual gratification, which would turn marriage into a purely private affair. As a social institution, marriage protects and shapes a shared commitment to deeper growth in love and commitment to one another, for the good of society as a whole. That is why marriage is more than a fleeting fashion; it is of enduring importance. Its essence derives from our human nature and social character. It involves a series of obligations born of love itself, a love so serious and generous that it is ready to face any risk.

### Catholic Charities

Seeking volunteer mentors. Both male and female mentors are needed to participate in one-to-one activities and be a role model to young people. Three hours per week, reside in or near Middlesex County or Franklin Township and want to make a difference in a child's life. Contact Jeanette Cullen at 732/738-1323 or [jcullen@ccdom.org](mailto:jcullen@ccdom.org) for more information.

### Remember Your Parish

Please remember your parish in your Will. A popular way of remembering your parish is through a bequest in your will or estate plan. This can be handled very easily through your attorney by simply specifying a percentage or a fixed dollar amount of your estate is to be given to your parish.

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### PARISH LEADERSHIP – SOCIAL COMMITTEE

MENCHU CHUA was born in the Philippines.



She and her husband, Gerald, became members of Guardian Angels Parish in May of 2008. They have four children. Being a member of our parish helps Menchu feel closer to God. She is a member of the Legion of Mary and the Social Committee.

### Catechists and Assistants Needed

Religious Education Program begins on September 8th. Registration forms are available at both Churches and the Parish Office. Many times we ask ourselves, "What can I do to help change the world?" One thing you can do is help children to know and love the Lord. You do not need a degree in Theology to help them learn about God. All you need is to share your love for God. This is a golden opportunity to help our parish children to learn about God. For information, contact Carol Mascola, [edisonparish@verizon.net](mailto:edisonparish@verizon.net) or the parish office. For the 2019/2020 year, we need teachers for pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, 6th grade, 7th grade and Aides.

CAN YOU HELP? Our PREP program depends on the help of volunteers. If you can help in any way it will be greatly appreciated. Kindly fill in the following information and the area you think you would like to volunteer. Training will be provided.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Can we text you? (18 or older only) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Please check the box indicating how you would like to volunteer: (We will let you know your volunteer position as soon as possible)

- Catechist (Teacher): Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ I work better with younger children Level Pre-K to 4 \_\_\_ or I work better with older children Level 5 to 8 \_\_\_
- I am willing to serve wherever needed \_\_\_ Special Needs \_\_\_ Middle to High School age Sacrament Preparation \_\_\_ Substitute Catechist \_\_\_
- Classroom Aide \_\_\_ Hall or Door Monitor \_\_\_ Child Care \_\_\_

#### **Important:**

- The Diocese of Metuchen requires that all parish religious education personal regardless of their roles, are to be practicing Catholics.
- The Catechist Mission Statement defines the intent of the catechist to teach only what the Catholic Church believes and professes.
- High School students who take on this responsibility must have previous experience as an Aide.
- It is mandatory for employees and volunteers in the Diocese of Metuchen, 18 years of age or older, having more than a one-time contact with a minor as defined under New Jersey law, to undergo fingerprinting and a criminal background check in accordance with the policy set forth in the "Policy on Criminal Background Checks" found in Addendum 9 of the Diocesan Policy and Handbook. (FYI if this is completed it must be renewed every 3 years)
- It is mandatory that all catechists/volunteers participate in the VIRTUS program developed to educate adult in identifying and preventing child sexual abuse. The program involves attending in person training and completing ongoing modules online.

### Church Humor: Unanswered Prayer

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why. "Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon." "How come He doesn't answer it?" she asked.

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