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The Catholic Community of Greenfield, Hazelwood and Oakland seeks to proclaim, witness and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with everyone. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, Saint Paul Cathedral Parish welcomes all to come and to join us on our mission to deepen our faith and holiness, grow in our love for God and others, and extend charity to all, especially the poor and those in need.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday, January 17

Saint Anthony, Abbot
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday -
1 Sm 15:16-23 * Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 18

Weekday -
1 Sm 16:1-13 * Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 19

Weekday -
1 Sm 17:32-33. 37. 40-51 * Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 20

Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr
Saint Sebastian, Martyr -
1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 * Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 21

Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr -
1 Sm 24:3-21 * Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 22

Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection of Unborn Children -
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 * Mk 3:20-21
or, for the Day of Prayer, any readings
from the Mass "For Giving Thanks to
God for the Gift of Human Life"
(Lectionary for Mass Supplement
947A-947E), or the Mass
"For Justice and Peace" (887-891)

Sunday, January 23

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -
Neh 8:2-4a. 5-6. 8-10 *
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 *
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

PARISH INFORMATION

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 17

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Delores Carlesi
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Francis Miskevich

Tuesday, January 18

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Nicolo and Nicolleta Sciulli
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Arman Dashti

Wednesday, January 19

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Rose Wassermann
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	William and Frances Dreher
7:00 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Novena and Benediction

Thursday, January 20

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Poor Souls in Purgatory
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Aladino DiNardo

Friday, January 21

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Joseph Pozycycki
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Enrichetta and Celestino Varrati

Saturday, January 22

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Dorothy Paulsen, Living
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Toni Marie Weber

4:00 pm St. Rosalia Mary Aggazio

6:00 pm St. Paul Cathedral Margaret Mezza

Sunday, January 23

6:30 am St. Paul Cathedral Anthony Giampaolo

9:00 am St. Rosalia Maria and Vincenzo Bucci

10:00 am St. Paul Cathedral People of the Parish

12:00 pm St. Paul Cathedral Francisco S. Joves, Jr.

12:00 pm St. Rosalia (Spanish) Kevin Holt, Living

6:00 pm St. Paul Cathedral John Volpe

LITURGY SCHEDULE (CURRENT)

Mass Times

St. Paul Cathedral

Saturday Anticipated: 6pm

Sunday: 6:30am, 10am, 12noon & 6pm

Weekdays (Monday - Saturday):

8:15am & 12:05pm

St. Rosalia

Saturday Anticipated: 4pm

Sunday: 9am & 12noon (Spanish)

Confession Times

St. Paul Cathedral

Friday & Saturday: 12:45pm

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

St. Paul Cathedral

Wednesday: 7pm - 8pm

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration: 7pm

Novena Prayers & Benediction: 7:30pm

Televised Mass

Live on Comcast:

Channel 95 (In Pittsburgh)

Live Streamed Online:

ghocatholics.org/tv-ministry

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Weekdays (Monday - Saturday): 8:15am

Sunday: 10am

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REFLECTIONS

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading that “there are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.” The gifts of the Spirit are the true riches given for the work of building up the Body of Christ. Each one of us, through faith and baptism, has been blessed by God with special gifts for the benefit of the Church and the world in which we live. The challenge is to discover those gifts and to use them for the good of all. So often we either fail to see our gifts or we use them selfishly for our own purposes and gains, with little regard for how we can serve God and our neighbor.

But it is the gift of the Holy Spirit that is the great treasure we possess as children of God. This gift has the power to transform us into the person we are meant to be, a child of the light, reflecting in all we do the love and glory of God. The prophet Isaiah in the first reading today speaks of the splendor of the one who has been vindicated by the power of God: “You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the Lord, a royal diadem held by your God...you shall be called my delight.” How important it is for us each day to understand what we possess through faith. God’s unconditional love and his mercy abide in those who have come to know him and live in faith. God’s power is greater than any human power and is stronger than evil and sin. This is the gift that we carry in our bodies in and through the person of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is the treasure that will enable us to accomplish all that God desires and ultimately lead us to the eternal life.

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells the waiters to bring the water they have. He blesses it and turns it into something miraculous – the best wine that anyone has tasted! The Psalmist expressed it beautifully; “Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.” When we approach God in faith and offer him our gifts, he blesses us and turns it into something miraculous. Each of us has been called in faith to participate in God’s plan. “Do whatever he tells you,” our Blessed Mother says in today’s Gospel. It is her great act of faith that God will bring about his will in the way that he has designed. We are called to have trust and faith in God’s plan. But even more dramatically the Gospel today speaks of the abundance of the new wine that Jesus brings to the wedding banquet. Jesus has revealed himself as the incarnate glorification of God’s gracious salvation. Jesus has revealed in himself the abundance of grace and salvation that comes to all who believe in him and come to the banquet of life that is most fully given to us in the Eucharist and the Church.

We begin this week what is known as Ordinary Time in the Church’s liturgical year. But the Scriptures remind us that there is never ordinary time for people of faith. Every moment is filled with the grace and love of God, made present in and through the person of Jesus Christ, and sustained by the Holy Spirit. As we sing in the responsorial psalm today: “Announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.”

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

“The illusions of this world soon vanish, especially if a man arms himself with the Sign of the Cross. The devils tremble at the Sign of the Cross of our Lord, by which He triumphed over and disarmed them.”

~ St. Anthony the Abbot

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FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

A word of thanks to all who give so generously to support our parish and its many services.

Sunday, December 26:

4:00 pm (Rosalia):	N/A
6:00 pm (SPC):	N/A
6:30 am (SPC):	\$1,287.00
9:00 am (Rosalia):	\$986.00
10:00 am (SPC):	\$1,470.00
12:00 pm (SPC):	\$1,921.00
12:00 pm (Rosalia):	\$398.00
6:00 pm (SPC):	\$1,455.00
Mail-In:	\$4,307.00
Total:	\$11,824.00

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is open Sunday mornings from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm in Synod Hall. Come visit our improved and comfortable space and browse our collection. You may borrow materials or stay and enjoy a cup of coffee and read in our cozy space. Library volunteers are available during library hours and other times by appointment. Contact vanyolibrary@gmail.com or call the rectory. You can view the library catalog at librarycat.org/lib/vanyolibrary.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE.

Please remember to keep in your prayers the following couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage:

III - Chase Katterman and Carly Bryan

II - Adam Hvrilla and Emily Ferguson

I - Joseph Kobs and Lauren Cook

PARISH NEWS

FROM THE HEART OF OUR PASTOR, FATHER STUBNA

1. We welcome five new Catholics today who are making their profession of faith, receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time, and being confirmed. This will take place today at the 12:00 Noon Mass. Our congratulations, prayers, and best wishes are extended to each of them on this momentous day. A special word of thanks goes out to their sponsors, families, and all who have helped them on this faith journey through our parish RCIA. We welcome:

Michael Clifford
Domenic Colangelo
Amiya Coleman
Alana Coleman
Kristyn Usilton

2. **ACTION OF THE MONTH.** As we enter a new year, many of us make resolutions that can all too easily fade into the background quickly as the year moves forward and the busyness of our lives return. I would like to offer an action each month that might help us to focus on our baptismal call to "become perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect." The call to holiness of life is the fundamental vocation shared by every baptized Christian who strives to live in imitation of Jesus and to gain heaven. I pray that these monthly "actions" will serve as a reminder to each of us of where we might need to focus greater attention in overcoming our weakness and growing more deeply in virtue. **The action for January is KINDNESS.** Kindness is the act or the state of being kind, a life marked by goodness, compassion and charitable behavior, mild disposition, pleasantness, tenderness, empathy, and real concern for others. In describing love, Saint Paul writes that "love is patient and kind." Aristotle wrote in his Rhetoric that kindness is one of the emotions, which is defined as being "helpfulness towards someone in need, not in return for anything, nor for the advantage of the helper himself, but solely for that of the person helped." Kindness is the embodiment of love.

Kindness is an excellence of character that drives ethical decisions. People who are kind act that way not for any reward or even recognition or praise but because it is the right way to behave and the way a person wishes others would act towards them. It is the essence of The Golden Rule. Kind acts include doing favors for others with no expectation of the other returning the favor. Kind people help others in need. Kindness can be as simple as a smile and hello as we acknowledge someone. An important aspect of kindness is random acts of kindness where a good act is done for another at the spur of the moment. Paying it forward is also a kind act with the hope that those for whom the act is done will return the favor by doing something kind for another person. If everyone paid it forward, society would be more gentle and considerate and we could bring back civility to society. How much more beautiful would our parish family be if kindness ruled the hearts of the faithful?

Kindness does not allow for gossip, easy criticism, divisiveness, judging others, self-centered and selfish living, or any kind of

mean spiritedness. Ask God to strengthen and to bless this virtue of kindness in your life, because in its expression you will be able to see him transform your life, the lives of others and for him to be glorified. Kindness is a great testimony to God's presence and work in an individual. As Saint Paul said, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ, forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32). What can you do this month to grow in kindness and help our parish grow in glorifying God?

OFFERTORY TOTALS. Thanks to so many for your generous donations to the parish over the Christmas holidays. We have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with fewer people at Mass. We need everyone to use their weekly envelopes or participate in online giving. Thank you for your generous support which benefits in a great way the needs of our children and youth across the diocese. May God bless you.

- Christmas Collection:** \$72,577.00
- Christmas Collection for Children and Youth:** \$9,064.00
- Christmas Flower Memorials:** \$5,934.00
- New Year's Day Collection:** \$3,859.00

A SECOND COLLECTION will be taken up at all the Masses this weekend, January 15-16, for our children with special needs in the diocese served by the Saint Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech. Saint Anthony School serves children with intellectual disabilities and autism from age 6 through 21. This program is a unique, inclusive educational model that educates our students with special needs in five Catholic elementary schools and two Catholic high schools, as well as on the campus of Duquesne University, Carlow University, and the University of Pittsburgh. DePaul School serves students who are deaf or hearing impaired by teaching them to speak and to communicate with the use of nationally recognized cochlear implants. I had the privilege of working closely with both programs and serving on the Board of Trustees for both organizations and I can tell you firsthand the incredible work that is accomplished with the children and youth they serve. Please be generous as the programs require a great deal of financial support and most of it comes from the Church and the community. You can help to make a difference in the lives of many young people with special needs.

OUR COUNTRY CELEBRATES Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday on Monday, January 17. It is a time to remember Dr. King's tireless efforts to end discrimination, hatred, prejudice, and bigotry among all people. The Church teaches that racism is a sin. It fails to recognize and affirm the dignity of each and every person who has been created in the image and likeness of God. As Christians, baptized in the faith of Jesus Christ, we have all been made brothers and sisters, equal members of God's family. As Saint Paul wrote to the Galatians, "there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." We all know the divisions, hatred and even violence that is present in our community, nation, and world because we fail to see and to respect the dignity of each human person.

ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week, from January 15 through January 21, the Sanctuary Candle at St. Paul Cathedral is being offered for:

FRED "JEEP" BUTCH

May he rest in peace.

ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL LIGHT

This week, from January 15 through January 21, the Blessed Mother Vigil Light at St. Paul Cathedral is being offered for:

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SANCTUARY CANDLES AND BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLES

can burn in memory of a deceased loved one or for a special intention at both St. Rosalia site and St. Paul Cathedral. Only those intentions that have actually been requested with an offering will be listed in our weekly bulletin. Please call the parish office if you want to request an intention.

VIGIL CANDLES CAN BE LIT AT OUR CHURCHES

by sending in your donation and the intention that you want to offer. We are happy to light the candle and say a prayer for that intention on your behalf.

OUR PARISH FOOD PANTRY

operates every Tuesday from 2:00 until 3:00 pm at our Saint Rosalia site Rectory (411 Greenfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15207).

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TODAY AT THE 10:00 AM MASS we are remembering **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his work to end racial prejudice and discrimination.** We can lift up in prayer our great desire, through God's grace, to build a civilization of life and love, a world that protects and defends every human life, that sees the value and worth of every human being, a world that does not tolerate racism, prejudice, bigotry or hatred in any form. These are contrary to what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. In a particular way, I want to highlight the ongoing work of the Saint Paul Cathedral Race and Reconciliation Group and their tremendous efforts to build bridges of unity, reconciliation, respect, and love among all people.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION 2022. Again, this year, St. Paul Cathedral Parish presents a special, **virtual celebration via Zoom** to commemorate the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on the Sunday preceding his birthday. The event will take place today, January 16, 2022, at 2:00 pm. You are invited to attend and are welcome to forward this invitation to others whom you think will have an interest. The Jazz Mass "Our Father" will open the program. Father Matthew Hawkins will introduce the agenda and offer a few observations on the significance of MLK and how Catholics can embrace his mission. Keynote speaker Esther Bush will present remarks honoring MLK's legacy and ongoing efforts to continue the quest for an equitable and fair society. The poster and essay elementary school contest winners will be announced. The essay winners will read their short essays with the theme: "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Never Give Up the Dream." We expect the program to be from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Please register using the following Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qcO6uqjMtGda5I3_x2Kzbc01pYtmgD8Vt. You will then receive additional information regarding the program. We look forward to your participation!

~ St Paul Cathedral Race & Reconciliation Committee

THE ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY begins on Tuesday, January 18. In choosing "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (cf. Matthew 2:2) as the theme for the 2022 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the World Council of Churches wishes to highlight the importance and meaning of the epiphany in revealing God's salvation to the world and showing the unity He desires among His creation. His light beckons us, as it did the Magi, to worship Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior and the one true God and to open our treasures to Him. As Christian witnesses changed by our experience of the epiphany, we choose a new path of repentance and renewal by serving the Gospel and keeping Jesus's commandment of "loving one another as He has loved us." The theme reminds Christians worldwide to pray for closer communion with our brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as for greater solidarity with all of creation.

The epiphany of the birth of Jesus as God incarnate brought light, hope, and unity to the world at a time of darkness and uncertainty. As we face new challenges and struggles in our current day, the theme for the Week of Prayer in 2022 shows that Christ's light has not left us; it shines as brightly as ever, calling Christians everywhere to come together and follow the path of Jesus.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK. January 20 marks the feast of two saints: **SAINT FABIAN** and **SAINT SEBASTIAN.** Fabian was elected Pope after a dove came and sat on his head during the papal election. He reigned for 14 years and died a martyr's death under the persecutions of the emperor, Decius, in 250 AD. St. Cyprian wrote that he was an "incomparable" man whose courage in death matched the holiness and purity of his life. In the catacombs of St. Callistus, the stone that covered Fabian's grave now lies in four broken pieces bearing the Greek words: "Fabian, bishop, martyr." Sebastian also died around the same time in the persecutions of Decius and was revered by the early Church. He is reportedly to have joined the Roman army to try and help the Christians, but he was quickly discovered and shot by archers numerous times and left for dead, but survived and made an attack on the emperor, denouncing him for his cruelty to Christians. He was clubbed to death for his actions. Both martyrs stand as witness to the courage and faithfulness endured by so many in the early days of the Church. Their heroism brought great credibility to the Church and brought more Christians to the faith.

2022 CALENDARS in Spanish and Italian are available at the parish office. We will distribute them on a first come, first serve basis until our supply is depleted. Please contact the parish office if you would like to have one of these calendars.



WHAT IS FLOCKNOTE? Flocknote is an easy and efficient way for St. Paul Cathedral Parish to communicate with parishioners and parish groups through email and text messages. It allows us to reach our members at a moment's notice, resulting in higher attendance at Mass and parish events, increased stewardship, and a more connected parish community. But Flocknote can only be effective if you sign up! There are two ways to join Flocknote:

1. Visit our unique URL: StPaulCathedralParishPGH.flocknote.com/everyone
2. Text to join by texting the word CATHEDRALPGH to 84576

MASS INTENTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR A NUMBER OF WEEKDAY MASSES IN 2022. Many people today do not realize the important practice of having Masses offered for the intentions of others, especially the deceased, but this practice has been part of the Church's tradition since the earliest centuries. It is important to reflect on how the Church understands Mass intentions. When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: First, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. Second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died or some special intention. Therefore, the effects of the Mass bring certain benefits or fruits. The general fruits of the Mass are the effects upon the whole Church — to the living faithful as well as the poor souls in purgatory. For this reason, in the Canon of the Mass (the Eucharistic Prayer), a special mention is made for both the living and the dead. The special ministerial fruits of the Mass are applied to the particular intention of the Mass, i.e., "for whom the Mass is offered."

The special personal fruits of the Mass benefit the celebrating priest who acts in the person of Christ in offering the Mass and to the people who are in attendance and participate in the offering of the Mass. The intention of the Mass is also determined by various factors: The Church may stipulate the particular intention; for example, all pastors are required to offer one Mass on Sunday for the intentions of the living and deceased parishioners of a parish. A priest may also have his own particular intention in offering a Mass, such as the repose of the soul of his parents. Finally, a person may ask a priest to offer a Mass for a particular intention; usually, a stipend is given to the priest for offering the Mass, which thereby in justice creates an obligation which must be satisfied. In the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Mass stipends have been set at \$10.00 per stipend.

We find not only the origins of this practice dating to the early Church, but we also clearly recognize its importance. When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of his or her soul and to offer our prayers in the Eucharistic sacrifice are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is a beautiful and most appropriate gesture, beneficial to those involved and deeply appreciated. We all need to continue to pray for our beloved dead, that God's grace and mercy will forgive their sins and lead them home to life in His Kingdom.

JANUARY CALLS OUR ATTENTION TO THE GIFT OF HUMAN LIFE and our need to advocate especially for the unborn. As a gift from God, every human life is sacred from conception to natural death. The life and dignity of every person must be respected and protected at every stage and in every condition. The right to life is the first and most fundamental principle of human rights that leads Catholics to actively work for a world of greater respect for human life and greater commitment to justice and peace. January 22 will mark the 49th anniversary of the infamous 1973 Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision in our country making abortion a legally protected right. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we will not be sponsoring a bus for the annual March for Life this year.

ON SATURDAY JANUARY 22 we join with the Church holding a "Day of Payer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." This day is being observed "as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion." We will have special prayers at all the Masses celebrated on January 22. Please join us.

PARISH NEWS



SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL HAS A HEARING LOOP to help those with hearing loss hear our services better. If you have a T-Coil equipped hearing aid, please switch your hearing device to the T setting. For those without hearing aids, wireless headsets are also available. You can find more information on our website here: ghocatholics.org/hearing-loop.

A SPECIAL PRO-LIFE MASS will be celebrated at Saint Paul Cathedral by Bishop Zubik on Thursday, January 20 at 7:00 pm. The Mass is open to everyone who desires to attend. This Mass will be celebrated on the vigil before the annual March for Life in Washington, DC which will take place the next day on Friday, January 21. Many people are not able to attend the March for Life this year because of concerns over COVID-19. Please consider participating in this Mass where we can pray for the defense of unborn children and give thanks to God for the gift of human life.

THE MARY J. DONNELLY FOUNDATION gave Saint Paul Cathedral a gift of \$10,000 for which we are deeply grateful. This foundation has provided an annual gift to the Cathedral for many years now and this generous support has helped the Cathedral in addressing so many needs. May God bless you.

MANY THANKS TO OUR PATRONS WHO ADVERTISE IN OUR WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN. I am deeply grateful to each of them for their support in making the bulletin possible through their advertisements. Please look at those ads each week and please patronize those individuals and businesses when possible and thank them for advertising in our parish bulletin. They appreciate hearing from us.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

"God our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

~ Opening Prayer from the Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life

THE GLOBAL SYNOD: Reflect on your Catholic experience. To prepare for participation in the worldwide Synod, ponder how you have experienced "journeying together" in your parish or Catholic community. What joys, obstacles, or insights did you receive from this journey? As you reflect, consider where you are hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit. What is the Spirit asking of us as a Church? What paths are opening? Synodal sessions will be held throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh in early 2022. For more information text "Synod2021" to 84576 and go to www.diopitt.org/journeying-together to download your Participant Guide.

2021 TAX STATEMENTS. If you need a tax statement for 2021, please call the rectory office. Please note that all contributions are credited for the year in which they are given, regardless of the contribution envelope. No statements can be given for cash contributions of which we have no record – some people ask that we write letters based on what they reportedly have given without any documentation. This is a violation of IRS rules and something we are not permitted to do. If there is a discrepancy in the statement you receive and the contributions you have made, please bring your cancelled checks to the rectory and we are more than happy to correct our records and give you a revised statement.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6. Families with children (grades K – 8) are invited to a special 10:00 am Mass and event at St. Paul Cathedral on **Sunday, February 6.** Family Faith Formation is a monthly gathering for our families and students who are home schooled, attend a Catholic school, or who attend our own parish Faith Formation program. This is an opportunity to gather as a parish family to listen attentively to God's Word in the Scripture and share the Eucharist at the Table of the Lord! After Mass, an informal breakfast is offered in the Cathedral Social Hall with muffins, donuts, bagels, juice, milk, and coffee. Later, one of our priests or our deacon will give a talk to the parents while the children will focus on a learning project. Prayer booklets will be given to each family to promote family prayer. Families should please sign up responding to the email invitation or by emailing info@saintpaulcathedral.org.



OUR WEEKLY NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP. At Saint Paul Cathedral on Wednesday evenings the Eucharist is exposed on the altar at 7:00 pm and the novena prayers and Benediction begin at 7:30 pm until about 8:00 pm. Please consider attending and bringing your needs and prayers to the attention of Our Blessed Mother who always hears our prayers and desires to lead us to the loving heart of her Son, Jesus Christ.

EUCCHARISTIC AMAZEMENT AND THE MASS – WHY DO WE DO THIS? A series on the recent document from the US bishops – *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church, USCCB, 2021*. Regis Flaherty, who leads a weekly Scripture Study at the parish, will be the co-host with Father Steve Palsa, our parish chaplain. The Bishops of the United States have plans for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Cradle Catholics as well as adult seekers and all interested persons are invited to this Zoom presentation on six Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 pm beginning January 27. This series offers an opportunity for personal spiritual enrichment as we delve into the faith of the Catholic Church regarding the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Contact Father Steve at frstevenpalsa@gmail.com to sign up. All are welcome to take part in this opportunity for personal spiritual enrichment.

On March 27, 2020, at an early point in the global pandemic, Pope Francis walked alone in the rain across an empty St. Peter's Square to offer prayer for the world in a time of crisis. "Faith", he said, "begins when we realize we are in need of salvation. We are not self-sufficient; by ourselves we flounder: we need the Lord, like ancient navigators needed the stars." Recalling when Jesus was asleep in the boat as a tempest was raging (Mk 4:35-41), the Holy Father said, "The Lord awakens so as to reawaken and revive our Easter faith." On that day, Pope Francis presided over the rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction in order to focus our attention on the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. The Pope was reminding us that even in a time of turbulence and crisis, Jesus is present among us, as present as he was long ago in the boat on the Sea of Galilee.

NEW OPTION FOR MEN'S PROGRAM *THAT MAN IS YOU*. Now you have two opportunities every week to attend our parish men's program, *That Man Is You*. Join other men every Wednesday morning for the thirteen weekly sessions via Zoom from 6:30 to 7:30 am beginning on February 2 or join us every Saturday after the 8:15 am Mass for our in-person session in Synod Hall beginning on February 5. It's your chance to share weekly with like-minded men and to grow as a man, a husband, and a father. For additional information or to register for either session, contact Regis Flaherty at 412-287-4007 or regisjflaherty@gmail.com.

SPRING BIBLE STUDY: "Questions Jesus Asks." Please join us on Wednesday evening (via Zoom) to examine some of the questions Jesus asks in the Gospels. Because of COVID-19 protocols we will not meet in person at this time. Contact Deacon Tom at 412-414-3125 or tberna@diopitt.org.

PART-TIME WEDDING COORDINATORS NEEDED FOR SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL. We are seeking one or two people who might be interested in serving as part-time wedding coordinators for Saint Paul Cathedral. This would involve one or two weekends a month. This person would be responsible for coordinating Friday afternoon weddings at 2:30 pm (along with a Thursday evening rehearsal at 4:30 pm) and the wedding rehearsals on Friday (typically from 4:00 pm through 7:00 pm) and the weddings on Saturday afternoon (typically from 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm). Training would be provided. Must be a practicing Catholic and have some organizational skills. We currently have several people who are helping with this ministry, but we need to find one or two more. Compensation is provided per wedding. Please contact Father Stubna if you are interested (kstubna@diopitt.org) or call the Cathedral rectory.

PASSING FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE. We extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to the families of those who were buried from our parish recently. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

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PARISH NEWS

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Are you looking for more in your life? Is becoming a Catholic something you've thought about? *We're here to listen at any time of the year.* Reach out to Erica at egamerro@saintpaulcathedral.org.

SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL PARISH RAFFLE. We are hoping that everyone in our parish community will consider supporting this parish-wide fundraiser to help with our parish expenses. This raffle is based on the daily three-digit pick three evening PA lottery. Tickets are numbered from 000-999. Tickets are \$5 each and the number is eligible for the entire month. Most days the winner will receive \$50 however, there are specific days each month that the winning ticket is worth from \$100-\$250. The prize for winning on the last day of each month is \$500. Ticket stubs must be returned by the final day of the previous month with the ticket stub filled out completely and legibly. Tickets are available in the rectory office or can be mailed. Payment of cash or check is accepted. If you have a favorite number(s), you can reserve it/them each month if available. All proceeds benefit our parish. For more information or to obtain tickets please contact the parish office. We sponsor this raffle in the name of Saint Paul Cathedral Parish, our legal entity name, for which we have a small games of chance license that allows us to operate this raffle.

ONLINE STUDY GROUP FOR MEN AND WOMEN. Want to dig deeper into the Sunday Mass Scripture readings? Join other parish members for an online study group every Sunday from 8:00 to 9:00 pm. High school age and older are welcome. Contact Regis Flaherty for additional information or to register (412-287-4007; regisflaherty@gmail.com).

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – 16 DE ENERO DE 2022 – 2º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO. Con la fiesta de la Epifanía y el Bautismo del Señor se cierra el Tiempo de Navidad, que siempre es precedido por el Adviento. Ahora, comenzamos el Tiempo Ordinario. Serán siete domingos de este corto periodo, que termina el día anterior al Miércoles de Ceniza. La segunda etapa de este Tiempo es más larga, da comienzo después del domingo de Pentecostés y termina hasta el sábado antes del primer domingo de Adviento. ¿Para qué sirve a los cristianos este Tiempo Ordinario? ¿Qué nos pide la Liturgia de este tiempo? Pues, es muy sencillo, nos pide meditar en el misterio de Cristo. En su invitación de participar en su Reino con alegría y compromiso verdadero. La Iglesia tiene diversidad de carismas, donde podemos entregarnos al servicio de los demás. Por ejemplo, hoy el Evangelio nos invita a participar junto con María y Jesús en las bodas de Caná. Y es ahí en esa boda, donde Jesús hace su primer milagro a petición de su Madre María. El diálogo de ambos viene a ser a causa de la falta de vino. Por lo tanto, los novios estaban en apuros por esta razón. Este relato es muy profundo, el hecho de que Jesús participa en la boda, tiene como significado la boda de Dios con la humanidad, que más adelante será la Sangre de Jesús derramada para la salvación de la humanidad. “Alegrémonos, regocijémonos démosle honor y gloria, porque han llegado las bodas del Cordero” (Apocalipsis 19,7). También, el profeta en la primera lectura lo pone claro: “No te llamen más ‘Abandonada’, ni a tu tierra ‘Desolada’, sino que te llamen ‘Mi Preferida’ y a tu tierra ‘Desposada’. Porque Yavé se complacerá en ti y tu tierra tendrá un esposo” (Isaías 62,4). ©LPi

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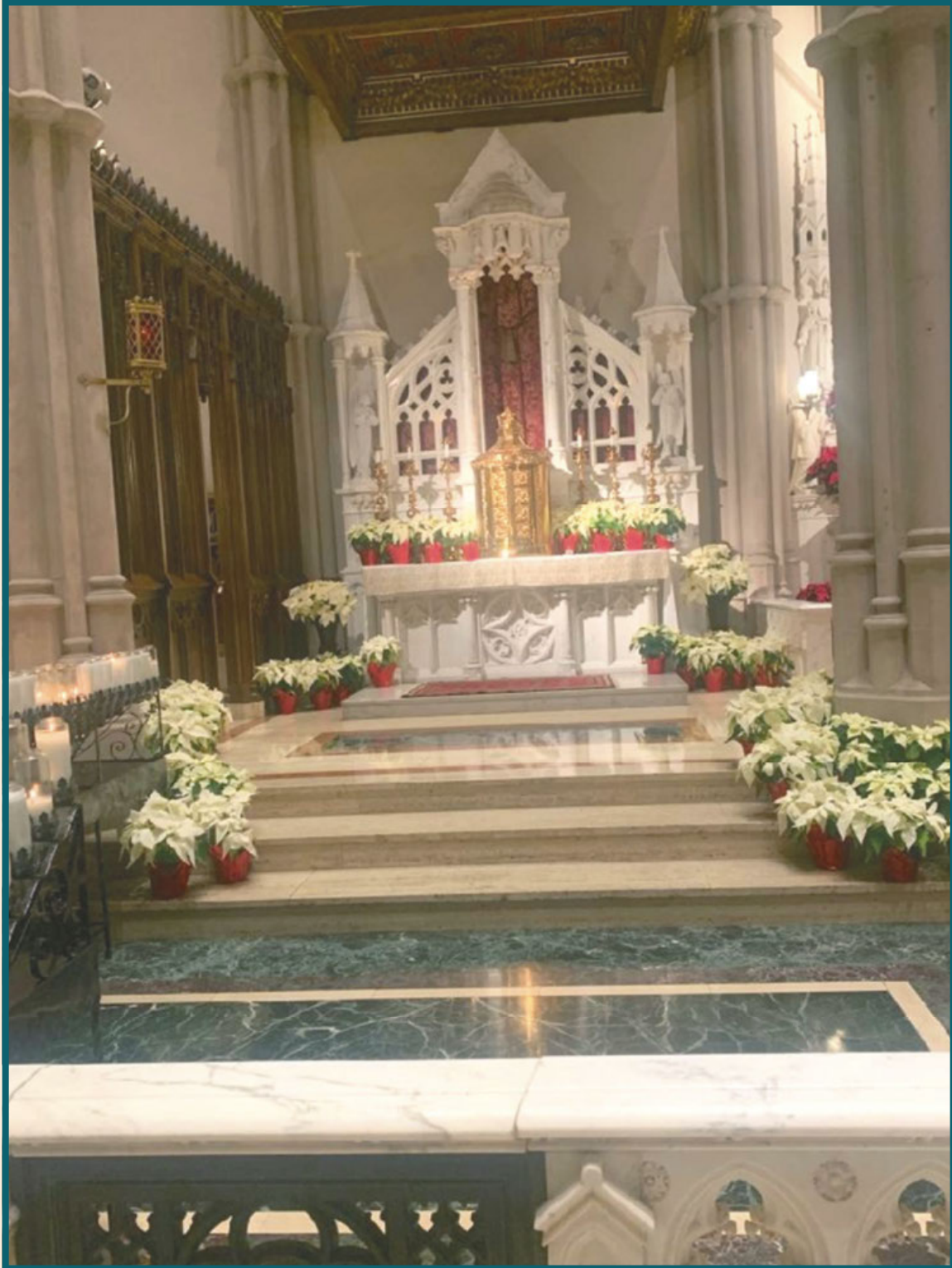
AQUINAS ACADEMY SPEAKERS SERIES PRESENTS – A Personal Relationship with Jesus Christ in Catholicism – Father Jeff Lucas – Thursday, January 27, 2022 from 7:00 until 8:15 pm – Mross McGonigle Hall: Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh Campus. About the Speaker: Father Jeff Lucas is a priest of the Diocese of Erie and pastor and dean of the Catholic Community of Meadville parish. Father Lucas has extensive background in Catholic education, having taught at the university, high school, and grade school levels. Father Lucas returns to Aquinas Academy after previously addressing the seven liberal arts and Catholic education in the spring of 2017. A light reception will follow the talk. Lectures are free and open to the public. Please register at www.AquinasAcademy.info.

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In a continuing commitment to care for the health, safety, and spiritual well-being of the faithful, in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Bishop David Zubik announces the following updated COVID-19 Safety Protocols. **These practices are effective January 7, 2022, and are to be continued until further notice.** The updates are based on the dramatic surge in community spread of the Omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus, and will be re-evaluated on an ongoing basis as more information from the CDC and local healthcare officials becomes available.

Parishes

Effective immediately and until further notice:

- As leaders in their parishes and in the community, unless extraordinary circumstances warrant otherwise, all priests and deacons must wear masks during the celebration of Mass at all times, including when preaching and at the altar.
- All clergy must submit vaccination status and proof of vaccination to our Clergy Office **no later than January 18, 2022**. All clergy who have not yet received a COVID vaccination are reminded of the guidance of Pope Francis on the matter and of their role in the community and are strongly urged to receive a COVID vaccination.
- Everyone entrusted with the distribution of Holy Communion must wear a mask, and must also sanitize their hands immediately prior to distribution. Care must be taken not to directly touch the communicant, especially if distributing on the tongue. If contact is made, the person distributing Holy Communion must re-sanitize their hands before continuing.
- All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, servers, greeters, ushers, lectors, and cantors must wear a mask. In addition, faith formation leaders, catechists, and those who visit the sick or homebound must wear a mask.
- Choir members are to be masked at all times.
- The presentation of the gifts is suspended until further notice.
- As already directed, the practice of shaking hands to offer the Sign of Peace is suspended until further notice.
- As also previously directed, those attending Mass are urgently encouraged to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status. Based on their age, health history, and family considerations, parishioners must make prudent decisions regarding getting vaccinated, wearing a mask, and staying home if not feeling well. As a reminder, anyone who is sick, feels they are at risk, or is a primary caregiver, as well as those who have serious anxiety about being part of a large group at this time are excused from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass (CCC #2181)
- It is strongly recommended that any parish events outside of Holy Mass are to either be cancelled, rescheduled, or be held virtually.
- It is strongly recommended that where possible, parish staff work remotely. Those who do need to work on site must wear masks when in common spaces. Also, all meetings should be held virtually.
- Livestream Mass options are to continue so that we may serve those who are not able to come to Mass in-person.

Diocesan Events

Events are to be held virtually or re-scheduled. Events that must be held should follow the above mitigation protocols.

SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL
MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022



4TH SUNDAY IN
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[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

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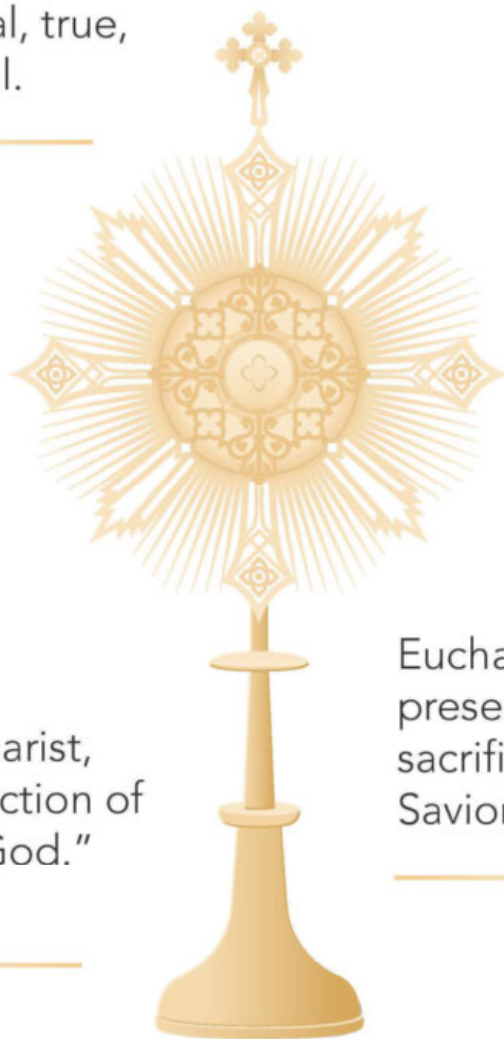
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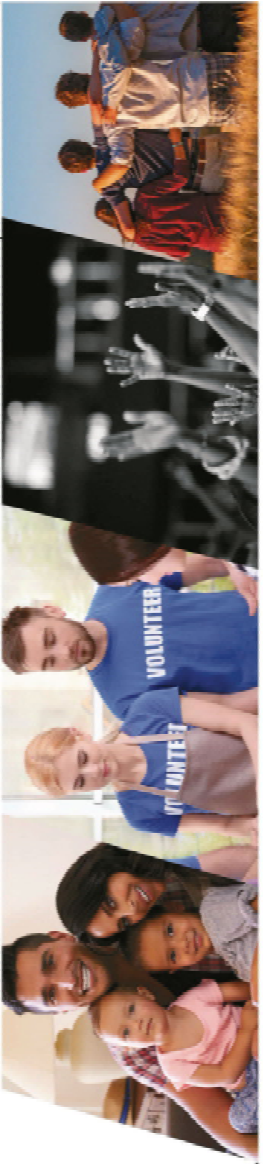


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<p>16 God empowers all, especially those who are vulnerable, to stand up for themselves and protect their dignity. Read about how the Sisters of Mercy of Central and the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word co-sponsor ARISE, a CCHD-funded organization that enables community members in South Texas to accomplish their goals, supporting and maintaining the agency of immigrants.</p>	<p>17 As we reflect on the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we are reminded of his tireless fight to eliminate injustice and segregation. For over 50 years, CCHD has worked for racial justice in all aspects of society, like criminal justice reform, affordable housing, environmental justice, and more.</p>	<p>18 Today begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated each year on January 18-25. The theme for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him." (Mt. 2:2), chosen by the Middle East Council of Churches. Read and reflect on this example of a CCHD-funded program empowering people of faith and good will to build unity and create access to affordable housing.</p>	<p>19 The Two Feet of Love in Action are two unique but complementary ways to fight poverty. Watch this video about how one foot is social justice—eliminating root causes of poverty, and the second is charitable works—responding to immediate needs. Search for a local organization you can join and learn about the current policies affecting persons in poverty.</p>	<p>20 Our faith teaches us that we have a responsibility to work together to safeguard each person's rights, including working together for greater economic justice in the face of persistent poverty, growing income gaps, and increasing economic issues. Learn more about the call for economic justice and how you can support this important work through CCHD.</p>	<p>21 Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton was the first African American priest in the U.S. and dedicated himself to his parishioners, many of whom were living in poverty. Learn more about Fr. Tolton and other inspiring holy men and women who worked courageously to address racism in their communities.</p>	<p>22 We must work together to protect the life and dignity of all persons, at every stage of life, promoting rights for all. Use this prayer to reflect on how you can work to promote the life and dignity of the human person, including those not yet born and those experiencing poverty and injustice.</p>
<p>23 Throughout our lives, God accompanies us. In a very special way, God is close to those who suffer and are marginalized. Watch this video to reflect: Who are the people who experience poverty here in my heart?</p>	<p>24 Poverty impacts the ability to access education, healthcare, transportation, and voter engagement for elderly people, trapping them in a cycle of poverty. Take our Poverty Quiz and see what you have learned about poverty and the systems and structures that impact our communities.</p>	<p>25 "But racism still profoundly affects our culture, and it has no place in the Christian heart. This evil causes great harm to its victims, and it corrupts the souls of those who harbor racist or prejudicial thoughts." "Open Your Heart: The Encouraging Call to Love - A Pastoral Letter Against Racism". Read about how one CCHD-funded group is working to address racial divisions in West Baltimore.</p>	<p>26 Poverty does not equally strike all demographics of systemic poverty, such as lack of access to food, affordable housing, transportation, and education disproportionately affect communities of color. Read how CCHD is addressing not only homelessness and food accessibility, but the myriad of other issues that arise when a large percentage of a community is affected by poverty.</p>	<p>27 Read about Luzma, Venerable CCHD provides funds to help Living Hope empower members of the work to not only provide wheelchair safety, and community to people experiencing poverty and disability, but they also work to give them a voice and place in society.</p>	<p>28 In Prayer Time, Pope Francis invites all people of good will to live out a discipline built on love that fosters universal fraternity and social friendship. Read more about how CCHD promotes the culture of encounter. Bose, Francis calls for Prayer Time.</p>	<p>29 Bose, Francis reminds us, "In service of the poor, there is no room for competition. Rather, we should have a spirit of solidarity. The source of our actions that reveal God's closeness and his answer to our prayers." Read about how one parish in Arizona demonstrates this connection in their Sunday worship.</p>



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