

ST MARY'S CHURCH



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Church, Meeting Rooms, Business & Parish Offices:

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Email: Parish@StMarysKutztown.com

Religious Education Center: 610-683-6454

Email: RelEd@StMarysKutztown.com

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Pastor	Fr John Maria
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Msgr Walter T Scheaffer
Permanent Deacon	Dcn. Howard Schultz
Coordinator/Religious Educ	Mrs. Ann Pergosky
Director of Music Ministry	Mrs. Anne Sitarik
and Parish Secretary	

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Ladies Auxiliary	Theresa Bieak & Deb Massa
Men of St. Mary's	Mr. Tom Cengeri
O C I A	Fr. John Maria

DIOCESAN INFORMATION

Diocesan Policies and Procedures on Youth Protection:

www.allentowndiocese.org

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Wendy S Krisak, Direct Telephone: (800) 791-9209

Office of Safe Environment Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services: Pamela Russo, MSW, MS ; PO Box F, Allentown, 181-5-1538 Tele. 610-871-5200 x2204

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service: If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service:

www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or 800-276-1562

**BUT BE YE DOERS OF THE WORD,
AND NOT HEARERS ONLY,
DECEIVING YOUR OWN SELVES.
JAMES 1:22**



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	4:30 pm
Sunday	8:30, 11:00am
Daily Masses	7:30am (Monday – Friday) 8:00am (First Saturdays)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Every Wednesday, 7-8 pm and First Friday of the Month, 8 until 9am

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – Baptism is celebrated at various times, often 11a Mass, the 1st Sunday of the month. Baptisms are also scheduled privately upon arrangement with families. Parents must contact the Religious Ed Office to arrange Baptismal Prep sessions and learn all the details.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - Saturday, 3:30-4:20p, Sundays 8:00-8:20; 10:30-10:50 am, Wednesdays 7:00-8:00p and by appointment

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK – Those who are dangerously ill or facing serious surgery may receive this healing Sacrament. Please contact Father John Maria to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY – Congratulations! Couples must contact Father John at least six months in advance of desired date. Marriage Preparation is required for proper celebration of a valid and Sacramental marriage.

PROSPECTIVE GODPARENTS/SPONSORS asked to serve as Baptismal Godparents or Confirmation sponsor must request an eligibility certificate from the parish priest. To serve in this special role parishioners must: Be in full communion with the Catholic Church; Attend Mass weekly; have received Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation & Confirmation; Married individuals need be validly married in the Catholic Church.

Please contact the Parish Office and allow 2 weeks to process.

HOMEBOUND – Parishioners homebound and unable to attend Mass please contact the Parish Office to arrange visitation, to receive Holy Communion

HOSPITALIZED - Call the Rectory to notify of someone in the hospital so we can pray for and possibly visit them. Each hospital in our Diocesan boundaries is either covered by a local parish or has a priest on call at the hospital.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP - Welcome to St. Mary's Parish! Please contact the Parish Office to meet with Father John and become registered. We also ask those who move to notify the parish

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Education for parish children occurs September 10 through April. Contact Religious Education office: 610-683-6454 for registration.

Center-based

- Levels 1 to 5 meet every week, Sundays, 9:40-10:50am
- Level 6-8 meet the 2nd & 4th Sundays, 6-8pm
- Youth Group (9-12) Stay tuned for upcoming events.

Home-based Arrangements may be made for select grade levels, contact Ann Pergosky

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 01, 2024

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MASS Intentions

Mon 09-02	7:30a	Lily Silva
Tue 09-03	7:30a	Intentions of Jeanie Linnekohl
Wed 09-04	7:30a	William and Celestina Keller
Thu 09-05	7:30a	Jim Corson
Fri 09-06	7:30a	Patricia McCaul
Sat 09-07	8:00a	Maggie Sipolo
	4:30p	People of the Parish
Sun 09-08	8:30a	Joseph and Sophie Durs
	11:00a	Rudy Glogovsky

*Altar flowers in memory of Tom and Jane Quirk this week
Blessed Sacrament candle in memory of Fr. Edward Morris*

READINGS and CELEBRATIONS for the WEEK

Sun 09-01	22 nd Sunday Ordinary Time- Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Mon 09-02	1 Co 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30
Tue 09-03	1 Co 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37
Wed 09-04	1 Co 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44
Thu 09-05	1 Co 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11
Fri 09-06	1 Co 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39
Sat 09-07	1 Co 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5
Sun 09-08	23 rd Sunday Ordinary Time- Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

MUSIC MINISTRY

	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
4:30p	DeWald, Heather Casey, Peggy	Spanier, Amelia Moore, Mark
8:30a	Skoronski, Nathan Cebencko, Steve	Spanier, Chris Moore, Mark
11:00a	Moore, Mark Skoronski, Kate	Thomas, Cathy Talarico, Tim

Collection info	OLG	In Church	Expenses
Regular Collection			
Building Fund	Income	info not	available at
Capital Campaign	publication	deadline	this week
Parish Partnership			
Other Reg. Collections			



HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING?

1. Visit www.stmaryskutumpah.com
2. Click on the Online Giving link
3. Complete the online registration form. It's that simple! For more info or help setting up your account please contact the parish office.

Please pray for the sick of our parish.....
..... and those that care for them



Logan Alkons	Bijou Greenwood	Diana Novi
Evie Barletta	Muriel Hadnagy	Joanne O'Connell
Caleb Bauer	Devon Hanna	Benedicta Otchere
Christopher Bennett	Jacqueline Hartz	Rick Padilla
Claudia Berg	Linda Haurus	Ed Pilarski
Greg Bradford	Kathy Henry	Pat Regensburger
Monica Bradford	Glenn Hertzog	Rosemarie Reimert
Bradford family	Lillian Karch	Bill Pettit
William G. Brady	Michael Karch	Kerry Rauenzahn
Nadia Cahill	Joanne Kear	Patrick Ritter
Meaghan Clark	Patricia Keeney	Megan Roth
David Covey	Jane Kern	Nina Hertzog
Nancy Devlin-	Milton Kern	Rundle
Litinsky	Carol Korbe	Richard Rusconi
Dave Ebling	John Korbe	Tina Scatamacchia
Trent Eidle	Henry Kryeski	Jim Sherman
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Ashley Geidner	Law	Tracy Snyder
Farhat	Rick Lewis	Nicole Sosik
Paula Fehlinger	Julie Lindsey	Arlene Stadlnik
Florentine Firlein	Eva Malanczuk	Todd Tanis
Joey Flecher	Dennis Martinsen	Ralph Touch
Tammy G.	Barry, Sharon Miller	Amy Turko
Joe Galantino	Elaine O. Miller	Christine VanDoorn
Michelle Galantino	Geoff Miller	Paul Vasko
Sandra George	Shannon Morris	Joseph Wawrzak
Lucy Ginsiorsky	Ed Nescio	Bonnie Wessner
Ken Gorski	Nikolette Nolte	Colleen Wolff

Contact office to update list: secretary@stmaryskutumpah.com

Please Pray for all those serving our nation

Keenan Albright	Charles Douglass	Nick Marakovits
Kyle Albright	Joseph Douglass	Melissa Marks
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Frank M. Bieda	Kale Follweiler	Heather
John Boyer	Michael Allen Haak	O'Donnell
Matthew Boyer	Diane Henry	Menaka Nayyar &
Jonathan Cardé	Cmdr. Jason Hoch	Anthony Pironot
Eric Cunningham	Joshua Joseph	Jake Schmeck
Timothy DeVall	Dan King	Phillip Talarico
Anthony DiPietro	James Knight	Steve Ziegler

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sun 09.01 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
2nd Collection – Missionary Co Op
- Mon 09.02 LABOR DAY**
Parish Office Closed
- Tue 09.03 Faith Sharing, 10a**
Bake Cookies, 12n
Ladies Auxiliary Covered Dish mtg, 6p
- Wed 09.04 Handiwork from the Heart, mtg., 10a**
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7-8p
- Thu 09.05 (Rescheduled) Liturgy Committee mtg., 8:45a**
Music Ministry, 7p
- Fri 09.06 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8-9a**
- Sat 09.07 1st Saturday daily Mass, 8a**
Pray the Rosary, 4p
2nd Collection – Capital Improvements

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

- Sun 09.08 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
2nd Collectoin – Capital Improvements
 Elementary Religious Educ. 9:40a
 Elem. Rel.Ed. Parent meeting, 9:45a
 Men of St. Mary's meeting, 9:45a
 Junior High ministry, 6p
- Mon 09.09 Kitchen help, Potatoes, 9a**
Kitchen help, Pierogies, 11a
Online Home-Based Rel. Ed. meeting, 6:30p
- Tue 09.10 Faith Sharing, 10a**
Bake Cookies, 12n
- Wed 09.11 Rita's Fundraiser for Ladies Aux. 6-8p**
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7-8p
- Thu 09.12 Music Ministry, 7p**
O.C.I.A., 7p
- Sat 09.14 Pray the Rosary, 4p**
2nd Collection – Library/AD Times

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Submit items by Monday prior to Sunday, *full-page items two full weeks in advance.*

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Welcome! Please register for parish membership. Call 610-683-7443 for an appointment and find out about all the parish has to offer! *Inform us if moving.*

RELIGIOUS EDUC. REGISTRATION now open!

Classes begin Sept. 15.

To get started visit:

[www.stmaryskutztown.com/prep-at-st-marys/
register now!](http://www.stmaryskutztown.com/prep-at-st-marys/register now!)

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR St. Mary's
Church picnic-12:30-4p Sept. 15.**



MISSION COOPERATIVE-DIVINE WORD

MISSIONARIES: Divine Word Missionaries face the need of, and act in, countries all over the world. Support our 2024 Mission Co Op partner Aug 31/Sept. 01

We do not get dignity from power, or money, or culture. We get dignity from work ~
 Pope Francis *Happy Labor Day*

THE NEXT PARISH DIRECTORY: For many years, St. Mary's has published a parish directory every five years or so. This has been a great way for parishioners to stay connected. To keep this tradition alive, we seek a group of people to help create the next directory. Lifetouch went out of business during the pandemic while working on our 2020 directory, but there are other companies now available.

The directory team will work with a photo directory company to organize photo sessions and content. Fr. John will assist the team by suggesting potential companies and giving input on the directory content. We aim to start in early fall with a release hoped for 2025. As always, extra hands make for lighter work! We seek a small team, including a chair or co-chairs. If interested, please email Fr. John: pastor@stmaryskutztown.com and he will gather a team, and plan a meeting.

DO YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS to make pierogies (*for the Nov. 2 Holiday Bazaar*) the Sept. Mondays after Labor Day? Help is needed for a few shifts, and everyone is done by 2p. Haven't helped before?? Friends will 'catch you up', *lunch provided.* Make new friends! Mary Alkons-610-683-5443

PLEASE PRAY Bishop Schlert will ordain the 2024 Permanent Deacon Class 10am, September 14 at the Cathedral. *Pray for:* Mr. Patrick Alba, Mr. Mark Brezina, Mr. Timothy Ferguson, Mr. Carlos Fernandez, Mr. James Friend, Mr. Von George, Mr. Diomedes Matos, Mr. John Matulevich, Mr. Daniel Osle, Mr. Jaime Peña, Mr. Carlos Pinto, Mr. Robert Reiley, Dr. Bernard Servagno, Mr. John Sutter, Mr. James Wallaesa, Jr., and Mr. Thomas Weber, III

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION- FR. JOHN MARIA

Our Scripture readings for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time invite us to reflect upon the nature of commandments and God's laws. If we're honest, most of us should probably admit that we really don't like being told what to do.

As a result, we might see God's commandments as restricting our freedom, and might accept them like a large bowl of Brussel sprouts – they may be good for us, but we still try to avoid them or disguise them as much as possible.

In our reading from Deuteronomy, we see a different view of the commandments. They are to be seen not as restrictions for the simple, but evidence of wisdom. In the letter of Saint James, we're reminded that we really are called to be not simply hearers, but doers of the Word.

In the Gospel, the example of the Pharisees reminds us of the tendency within each of us. We can sometimes reduce God's Law to a list of dos and don'ts. We pay lip service, but our hearts can be far from the Lord.

The Lord is calling us not to a checklist of exterior obligations, but to a transformed interior – a soul desiring union with the One who is Good, and a heart conformed to the Heart of Jesus.

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Sept/Oct we're busy preparing the delicious food you can purchase at the annual Holiday Bazaar, Nov. 2. Walk-in helpers welcome! Call Mary Alkons for info: 610-683-5443. Here is the food prep schedule:

Mon	Sept 09	9-12, 11-3	Prep potatoes/Make pierogies
Mon	Sept 16	9-12, 11-3	Prep potatoes/Make pierogies
Mon	Sept 23	9-12, 11-3	Prep potatoes/Make pierogies
Mon	Sept 30	9-12, 11-3	Prep potatoes/Make pierogies
Mon	Oct 07	10a	Make BBQ
Mon	Oct 14	10a	Vegetable Beef Soup
Mon	Oct 21	10a	Turkey Noodle Soup
Mon	Oct 28	10a	Turkey Rice Soup
Thu	Oct 31	10a	Haluski (<i>Bring electric fry pan if possible, for Haluski</i>)
Fri	Nov 01	10-3p	Set-up
Sat	Nov 02	7:30a-3:30p	Bazaar kitchen help: sign-up for help thru-out the day

Holiday Bazaar Cookies: Rolled, decorated cookies are very popular at the Holiday Bazaar. Here's an *easy* recipe. **Donate cookie dough to REC in time for baking 12n-3p** Tuesdays Sept 03—Oct 08. Call Carm 610-683-5931 or Valetta: 610-926-3910.



ABC Cookies

5 c flour 3 eggs 1 tsp cream of tartar
2 c sugar 1 tsp baking soda ½ tsp vanilla
 ¾ lb. melted butter

Mix all ingredients together and divide into 3 patties. Wrap in waxed paper and chill overnight. Roll out and cut into shapes. Decorate & bake, 350° for 8-10 minutes.



LADIES THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR, Nov 02, showcases parishioners' talents. Donate handcrafted items - fabric, wood, paper, yarn, etc., small items, using materials you already have, make splendid additions to the Ladies Auxiliary craft table. Bring items to the REC the week before the bazaar. All proceeds benefit the Ladies Auxiliary/St. Mary's Church. Questions? Frances Larash: 610-683-3675

YOUNG ADULT GROUP AT ST. MARY'S! Attention all young adults! You've heard the names of Perpetua and Felicity during Mass, but who are they? Starting 6p Sunday Oct. 6 in the Meeting Room of the Parish Center, join with other young adults and find out more about the saints – most especially those young adults who followed Christ! For more info, contact Sarah: smwilson0913@gmail.com

HGA REGIONAL SCHOOL DINE OUT EVENT: 4-8p, Sept 18 at Panera, 4229 N 5th St Hwy, Temple. Mention HGARS and your purchase supports the school!

SUPPORT HGA REGIONAL SCHOOL: Donate \$5 and get **25% off shopping pass** for Boscov's Friends Helping Friends sale date **Oct. 22**. Contact 610-929-4124 or email HolyGuardianAngelsRegionalSchool.square.site

DIVORCE RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP: 9-10a, the 1st Saturdays, monthly; next meeting Sept 07 at St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Whitehall. Meet in 2nd floor of parish office. If you suffer a divorce or separation, or grieve a past divorce, join prayer and conversation. Learn more: 505-688-8663.

THE BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED MOTHER: 3p, Sept. 08, Fr. Keaton Eidle will offer a reflection on Marian apparitions around the world. Pizza reception will follow in the parish's Jubilee Center. No cost to attend, but registration is required. Assumption BVM Parish, 4101 Old Bethlehem Pike, Bethlehem. Register: allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/173140

DAILY MASSES WITH BISHOP SCHLERT, BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC: All are invited to celebrate with the Bishop: Sept. 12, 8:00a - Holy Guardian Angels, Reading

YOUR LIFE RETREAT Malvern Retreat House. For men (Sept 06-08) and women (Sept. 13-15) a period of refreshment, support, and reassurance. Learn and focus on the gift of your life—reflect, and improve personal communion with the Lord. Info: Anthony Scarselletti, OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com or 610-393-4671

CASINO NIGHT: 6-10p, Sept. 13 at Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Banquet Hall, Wyomissing. **Proceeds benefit Mary's Shelter.** Tickets: \$80pp/\$150 couples; Must be 21 and older. Sponsorships available. Info/tickets: 610-603-8010 / www.marysshelter.org/casino

MATT MAHER CONCERT: 7p, Sept 15, Notre Dame HS, hosted by United Hearts Life Mission. Hear this 9-time Grammy nominee. Proceeds benefit United Hearts Life Mission life-affirming care in Lehigh Valley. Tickets: www.itickets.com/events/479761

HERE I AM! SEND ME: Sept 16, St. Francis Retreat House. Monday mini-retreat; 6p dinner; 7-9p presentation. By Sept 06 register: www.stfrancisretreathouse.org/retreats/

PADRE PIO SHRINE PILGRIMAGE: in English Sept 20, in Spanish Sept 28. Includes Mass with the Bishop, Confession; speaker; Eucharistic Procession and more!

DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASS: 3p, Sunday Sept 22. Doors open 2p. Each year the Diocese of Allentown offers a Mass for married couples celebrating a milestone anniversary at the cathedral. Couples are invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Info: rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org and RSVP: www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass



PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE: Assemble on the steps of our state capitol in Harrisburg on Monday, Sept. 23 for the 2024 PA March for Life for a 10a concert; an 11a rally; and 12n march. Learn more or register for updates: marchforlife.org/pennsylvania/

NATL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PILGRIMAGE: Oct. 07, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This pilgrimage is held every four years. Info-Fr. Hoffa ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org 610-921-2729 x2205

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Holy Father Prayer Request for September: For the cry of the Earth: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

EXPLORE DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPENINGS:
www.allentowndiocese.org/about/employment

HELP COMMUNITY NEWCOMERS- The Mother Veronica Resource Center Adult Ed., Reading, seeks instructors:

- Basic and Intermediate computer classes-daytime
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Sr Cara: 484-706-3570 mveronicacenter@gmail.com

READY.SET.READ! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Tutor 2nd graders needing extra help. No teaching experience required. Kutztown ASD schools 3:30-4:30p; 1 hour/week, Oct.-May. Background clearances required; training provided. United Way 610-685-4574 darbyw@uwberks.org

KNOW THE FACTS - VOTER REGISTRATION IN PA:

Registered to vote? If not check your county voter registration office. The last day to register is usually a month before the election. Those applying to register must be:

- ✓ **a citizen of the United States** for at least one month before the next primary, special, municipal, or general election.
- ✓ **a resident of Pennsylvania** and the election district in which the individual desires to register and vote for at least 30 days before the next primary, special, municipal, or general election.
- ✓ **at least 18 years of age** on or before the day of the next primary, special, municipal, or general election.

Details about voting in PA: www.votespa.com

REFLECTION□ by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

I'm sure that many of you have seen that disconcerting sign posted in many restrooms, especially in restaurants:

"Employees must wash their hands before returning to duty." Or words to that effect. Is the possibility so real of restaurant employees not washing before going back to handling food? I suppose so. Just from what I have observed often enough of the non-washing of hands that occurs in men's rooms, I can understand why the sign.

For the observant Jews of Our Lord's time, ritual washing was a hallmark of their culture. As the guardians of that culture, our meticulous friends the Pharisees would justifiably pounce upon any miscreants. This whole matter must have struck people of other cultures as a peculiarity. Of course, back then nobody knew or even imagined the existence of something called "germs."

But the Pharisees mentioned in our gospel episode for today saw a chance to pose a loaded question to Jesus, hoping to label Him and His followers as "unclean." Little did they know with whom they were dealing. It took them a seemingly long time to catch on. In this instance, Our Lord made what for them may have been a somewhat startling observation: "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."

Now none of us were present at this scene, of course. But it doesn't strain our imaginations to picture the look on the Pharisees' faces. It was a combination of anger and resentment for being bested by a young rabbi from Nazareth of all places, with no formal credentials to claim. But this story is included in the gospels by the intent of the Holy Spirit for all of us who hear it in our particular space and time.

We know all about the occasional presence in us of what has to be called "evil." Dark thoughts about others that manifest in rash judgment of them. Perverted imaginings in the sexual order. Even unexpressed anger against God. Or His Church. Or anything that we know deep down should have no place in our hearts. Especially if we want to be in sync with the Sacred Heart.

Moses had told the people of his time that observance of God's Law would give "evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations (Gentiles)." Our world at the present time needs our Christian evidence of wisdom and intelligence even if it first reacts with mockery and cynicism. When all is said and done, all of us want a fullness of life, free from guilt. We have the key to that life in the bible, especially in the gospels.

This extended weekend we honor the goodness of work and those who do manual labor for a living. The witness of hands dirty from honest work certainly enhances creation. As does all human work. The cleansing of hands before coming up the aisle to receive the Holy Eucharist is a mark of our respect. But after Mass, it is a "hands on" approach to God's will that we acknowledge in praying the "Our Father" prayer that this civic holiday hints at to be spiritually alert and fully alive.

God love you and give you His peace.

Save the Date!



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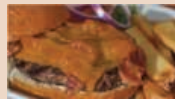
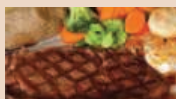
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