

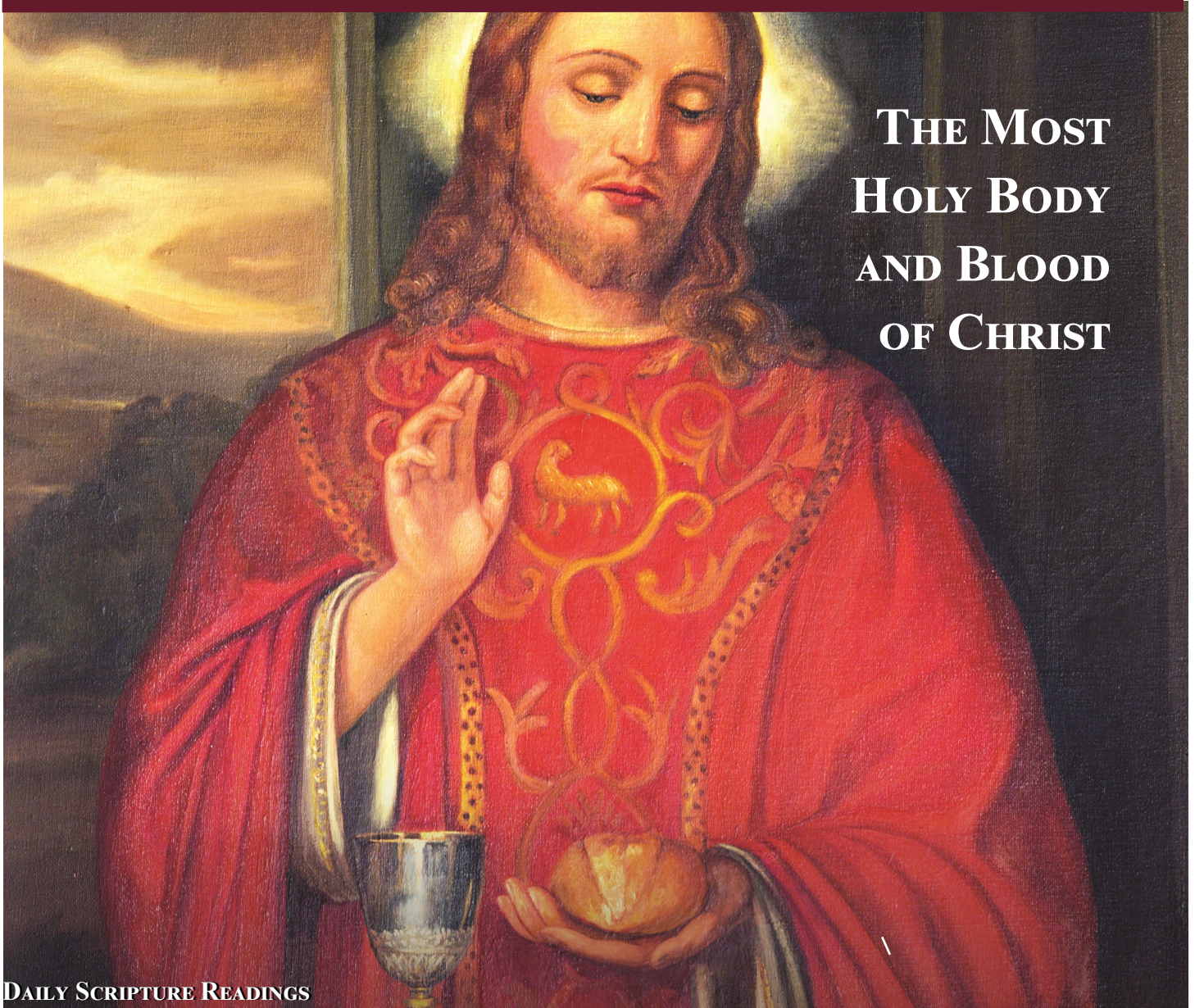
St. John the Evangelist Greece

June 7, 2026

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In the Footsteps of St John

A journey of exploration and reflection upon the treasure who is the patron of our parish church, St John the Evangelist.



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday

1 Kgs 17:1-6/
Ps 121:1bc-8/
Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday

1 Kgs 17:7-16/
Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8/
Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday

1 Kgs 18:20-39/
Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4-5ab, 8, 11/
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/
Ps 65:10-13/
Mt 5:20-26

Friday

Dt 7:6-11/
Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10/
1 Jn 4:7-16/
Mt 11:25-30

Saturday

1 Kgs 19:19-21/
Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10/
Mt 5:33-37

Sunday

Ex 19:2-6a/
Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/
Rom 5:6-11/
Mt 9:36-10:8

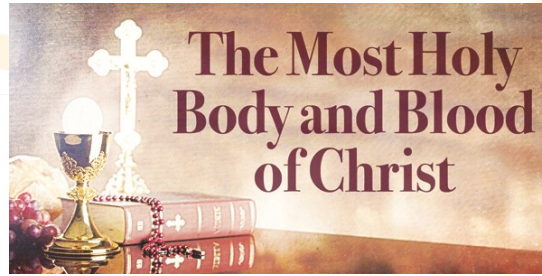
The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Jesus gave us his Body and Blood in the Eucharist we honor today. In 1263, a German priest named Peter of Prague was troubled by doubts he had about the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. He decided to make a pilgrimage to Rome and pray for guidance in his troubles along the way. On the way to Rome, he came to a small town in central Italy called Bolsena. While celebrating Mass there something amazing happened. As the priest held the host and said the words of consecration, blood started to seep out of the host onto the linen cloth on the altar, that we call the corporal

He soon asked to be taken to the nearby city of Orvieto where he knew Pope Urban IV was staying. The Pope had the incident investigated and no natural explanation could be found for it. Pope Urban had the blood stained host and corporal put in the Cathedral in Orvieto. The corporal is still there today to be revered by the faithful.

Today's Alleluia verse is a powerful statement of the theme of this solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Taken from the chapter of John's Gospel 6:51, listen to it again: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever."

It is not easy for today's generation of people to understand the ancient significance of bread. It used to be known as the "staff of life," meaning that it was the main support of human life. So, the question arises for modern believers: Why did Jesus choose bread and wine for the sacrament? It was because, in biblical times, bread, along with fish (usually cooked in olive oil) and grape wine, was the regular diet of the ordinary people. It meant life to the ancient people and Scriptures say as much. When our first parents were expelled from the garden of Eden, it was in these terms: "By the sweat of your face shall you get bread to eat." Gen 3:19. When Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, he taught them to ask for their earthly needs in terms of bread: "Give us today our daily bread." Mt 6:11. In his desert confrontation with Satan trying



to tempt him, Jesus said, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Mt 4:4. Jesus chose the most common food of his time for the Eucharist to show that just as the body needs food in order to live, so the soul needs the nourishment of this sacrament.

A second question arises when we consider the Eucharist: What did Jesus mean when he spoke those sacred words? Listen to the words from today's Gospel: "This is my body...this is my blood of the covenant..." These are plain assertions by a man who is about to die. People about to die do not speak in riddles. Or, listen again to the Alleluia verse: I am the living bread. Four of those five words have only one syllable. This is plain language. This is why the Church does not substitute canned grape juice for wine or dispose irreverently the elements of communion which are unused in the celebration of the Mass. That might be permissible if Jesus, our Lord did not really mean what he said, if bread and wine were merely symbols. There is only one conclusion: He meant what he said. He, himself, is our food under the forms of bread and wine. We are called as Catholics to, therefore, be reverent when we come to receive the Holy Eucharist and the Precious Blood. Men and women throughout the ages have died to preserve and protect it.

Our final question is: Of what importance is this to us? The answer is that this sacrament is necessary for spiritual living. It forgives sins and gives us spiritual strength and health. Just as we need three meals a day to be healthy and to work, so we need this sacrament regularly to be alive and well in Spirit. Remember that the results are guaranteed, for Jesus assures us, whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Therefore, we celebrate this day the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist gratefully and joyfully adored. "O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament

Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!"

*Peace and love to all,
Father Peter*



Masses for the Week—June 8—14

MON, June 8 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Barb LaForce*
 by Debbie Stanton

TUESDAY, June 9 *St Ephrem*
 8:15 AM + *Paul Miller*
 by Pauline Leger
 2:30 PM + *Mass at Hamilton*

WEDNESDAY, June 10 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Mickey Corsi*
 by Barbara Kelly

THURSDAY, June 11 *St Barnabas, Apostle*

FRIDAY, June 12 *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*
 8:15 AM + *Katie Snyder*
 by Mary Anne Proia & Victor Tifone

SATURDAY, June 13 *St Anthony of Padua*
 4:00 PM + *Deceased Members of St John's Parish*

SUNDAY, June 14 *11th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + *William Cook, Jr*
 by Catherine DeConinck
 10:00 AM + *Carl Cottorone*
 by Children

**Wills/Bequests/Memorials—
 Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish**

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, June 7
 11:00 AM Parish Picnic in Parish Center

Monday, June 8
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
 6:00 PM Liturgy, Parish Council, & Finance
 Committees Picnic in Parish Center

Tuesday, June 9
 2:30 PM Mass at Hamilton

Thursday, June 11
 4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

Sunday, June 14
 Coffee Hour following the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses
 in Parish Center

Friday, June 12

DID YOU KNOW?

THE FIRE IN MANY IMAGES OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS REPRESENTS THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF DIVINE LOVE.



Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

June 7	June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13
Pope Leo XIV	Martin Truong	Patrick Connor	Brian Cool	William Cosgrove	Michael Costik	Joseph Martuscello



America Needs Fatima Public Rosary Rally—Please join us!

Please join us at the South/East corner of Long Pond & Latta Rd. **THIS Saturday, June 13 at NOON.**

NOTE: Please use the various parking lots in the vicinity so as not to diminish the parking availability for customers at any one business.

We hope to see you there! For any questions, please contact the Parish Office (585) 225-8980.

Last Coffee Hour of the Season

This is our last Coffee hour until we resume again in September so come join hosts Deacon Lon and Susan Smith **NEXT Sunday, June 14 following the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses.** Catch up with old friends and people you haven't met yet; possibly new parishioners. Let's end the Coffee Hour season on a bright note as we step into the long awaited summer months! *Hope to see you there.*



REMAIN

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.”

JOHN 6:56

True Food

Like most millennial women, I have a bizarre relationship with food.

I'm so busy and distracted that most days, I forget to eat — until nighttime, when I make some very questionable decisions, usually involving cake. I also came of age in a time when any woman without a visible eating disorder was labeled as “curvy” (and curvy was understood by everyone to be A Very Bad Thing). Thus, I have a deep feeling of shame whenever I do eat, even when I am hungry, and even when it's something good for me.

I'm so messed up when it comes to food that I often wonder if I even have a good point of reference for understanding the Eucharist. What is “true food” and “true drink,” when you live in a society where bodily nourishment is so plentiful — at least for certain fortunate people like me — that we reject it out of pride, that we feel a shame for needing it, and that we use it as a balm for feelings of boredom, pain, and fear?

But I suppose there's no better way to understand the Eucharist, when you really think about it. The Israelites survived on manna from Heaven — what they would have given for a grocery store. What they would have given for redemption.

I am given both. I appreciate neither to the extent that I should.

True food, true nourishment, true life — physical and spiritual — these are things we all desperately want. And so many of us have them. But our ability to understand what they mean — well, it's hampered. This isn't Eden, after all.

We are reading a book missing half its pages, singing a harmony missing half its parts. We stumble forward, knowing that the fullness can come, will come — one day.

If we keep trying. ©LPi

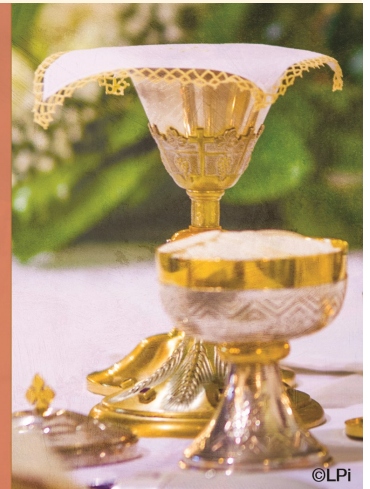
Corpus Christi Prayer

O Precious Jesus, The gift of your Body and Blood, shared with us, is unfathomable. Like manna that satiated our hunger, fill us where we lack. Like the bread given to Elijah in the desert, sustain us. Grace us with a glimpse into your love for us, now and forever, present in the Eucharist.

Amen. ©LPi



THIS IS MY BODY
GIVEN FOR YOU;
DO THIS IN
REMEMBRANCE
OF ME.



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Food Drive for the Greece Food Shelf Weekend of June 20 and 21

The Greece Food Shelf feeds over 300 Greece

residences each month. They are asking for donations of the following items:

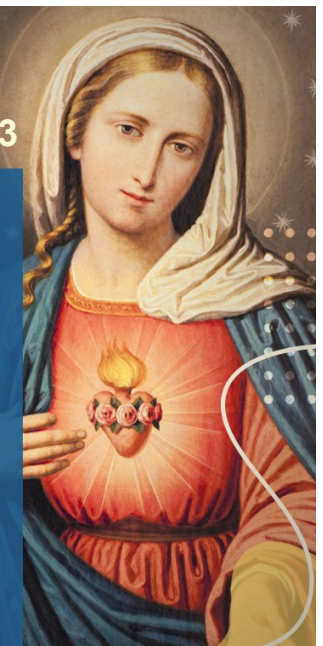
- Rice, Pasta Mixes, Canned Fruit, Applesauce
- Sweetened Cereal, Chunky-Style Soup, Canned Pasta,
- Salad Dressings (Italian, Ranch), Baking Mixes,
- Shampoo, Body Wash, Bar Soap, Toothpaste,
- Small Size Dish Soap and Small Size Laundry Detergent,
- Tampons, and Panty Liners

Food will be delivered on the morning of June 22. **Please, contact Pamela Tofany-Kern at 585-227-6053 or email gakern85@gmail.com if you can help with the delivery.**

Saturday, June 13

DID YOU KNOW?

THE AIM OF THE DEVOTION OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY IS TO UNITE HUMANKIND TO GOD THROUGH MARY'S HEART.





Our Lady Queen of Peace

The 45th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Medjugorje will be celebrated **Thursday - June 25, 2026**

St. Mary's Church
35 Center Street, Waterloo, NY

**6:00 PM Exposition,
Rosary, Confessions,
Benediction**

7:15 PM Mass

- **Celebrant:**

Rev. Paul Bonacci

A healing service will follow the Mass.

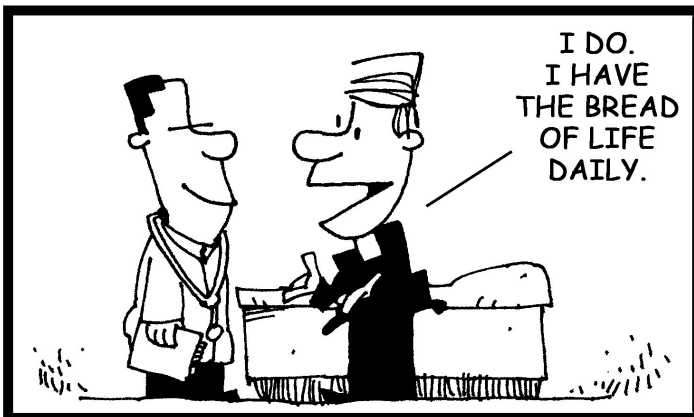
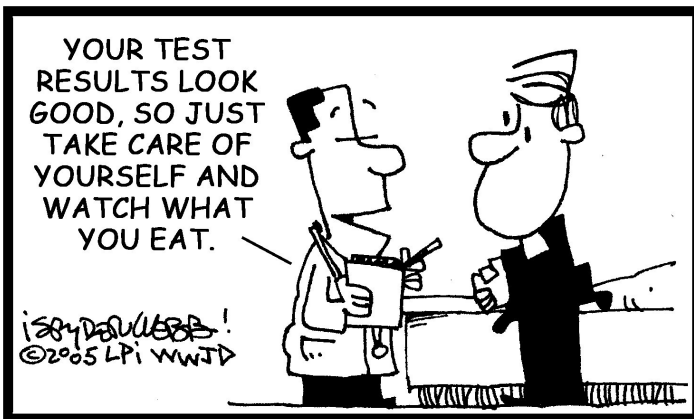
On June 25, 1981, in the tiny village of Medjugorje, located in

Bosnia-Herzegovina, six Croatian children reported seeing an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Forty-five years later, Our Lady is still reportedly appearing, bringing a message of hope and peace to a troubled world. Millions of people from all over the world have now visited Medjugorje.

Our Lady's Message

**Holy Mass | Pray the Rosary | Monthly Confession |
Read Scripture | Fast**

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Day Retreat - Social Justice Theme

Fill Your Soul Day

Voices of Lament & Resistance with Fr Peter Murray, SJ

Tuesday, June 16, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Cost: \$35

We live during an era when various forces all around us conspire to make us less able to lament, and/or to offer resistance to the goings-on found in our times. Still we know there are many fine people, poets among them, who strive and have stiven to offer Voices of a different kind, and to help us in these times of unsettling and untimely transitions, and in trials both political, social and spiritual.

The Main Poets and writers we will encounter on this day will be Daniel Berrigan, Linda Hogan, and Denise Levertov.

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Scripture Soaking/Immersive Prayer

FREE Senior Luncheon with Laura Quimette

Friday, June 19, 11:00 AM Lunch

12:15 PM Presentation | 1:15 PM Conclude

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✠ Tabernacle I **In Honor of Alan Christodaro**
✠ Tabernacle II **Hospitalized and Homebound Parishioners**
✠ Marian I **Living Benefactors of St John's Church**
✠ Marian II **Deceased Benefactors of St John's Church**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



May 23/24 Week 47	ATTENDANCE.....430
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,950.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 4,902.02
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 2,056.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 6,958.02
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SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$ 2,991.98)

May 30/31 Week 48	ATTENDANCE.....419
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,950.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 5,228.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 1,674.83
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 6,892.83
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SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$ 3,047.17)

Fiscal Year 2025-26 as of May 31, 2026	
YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 517,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 477,600.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 484,255.53
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OVERAGE TO DATE.....	\$ 6,655.53

As your Pastor, I wish to extend my gratitude for the ongoing support from all of you who have been faithfully contributing to the Sunday collection and other various collections throughout the year. Please know your generosity is a vital part of maintaining the mission of the Church. May our good and gracious God bless you abundantly. Fr. Peter

NOTE: For those who may not be currently contributing, please prayerfully reflect on this and offer what you can. Please contact the Parish Office if you need church envelopes or wish to donate through electronic on-line giving. Also, this QR code is a convenient option.



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2nd Collection
NEXT Weekend, June 13/14
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Don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, 225-8980 for details or assistance with Online Giving.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Holy Days: As announced in bulletin

Weekdays: Monday–Wednesday & Friday 8:15 AM

CONFESSIONS By Appointment Only.
Please contact the Parish Office 225-8980.

BAPTISMS For parishioners requesting Baptism for their child, we encourage you to please contact the Parish Office at (585) 225-8980 before the birth of your child to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism.

MARRIAGE Arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage must be made at least SIX MONTHS in advance. Call the Parish Office at 225-8980.

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Senior Home Communion Service Ministers June 2026

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June 7, 2026 Ron LaForce
June 14, 2026 Steve & Mary Ann Donato

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June 7, 2026 Tom Grieco
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