



### This Week at St. Brendan's

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Worship, via live streaming
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Daily Morning Prayer Zoom ID # website <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4796201105">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4796201105</a>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	No password required Be a Modern Episcopalian, via zoom
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	AA meeting, via zoom Dial in 312-626-6799 Meeting Id: 345 892 252
	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Staff meeting, via zoom
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Bible Study, via zoom beginning 3-26
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sacristans

### Sunday, March 22, 2020

**Celebrants:** The Rev. Regis Smolko  
The Rev. Julie Smith  
Participating and representing St. Brendan's in prayer, worship and receiving Holy Eucharist for all members and friends of St. Brendan's

Cameron Grosh  
Ken Parsons  
Daniel May  
Sean Sweeney

## The Priest's Corner

### Newest Precautions due to COVID-19, and Some Hope for Us All

Last Sunday eight Brendanites gathered at 8:30 a.m. to celebrate the liturgy as the presence of St. Brendan's at worship. All of us prayed together as the community of St. Brendan's on behalf of all Brendanites, as we comply with the national crisis and avoid meeting in groups. Let me express my personal and the church's communal gratitude to all for giving themselves to this groundbreaking venture.

Between Tim and me, we've heard from over 30 parishioners and newly-attending friends about how helpful this service was for them. For example, Jim Gray, Debbie and Matthew Wunsche participated in it together — they sang along and expressed how the service met a deep need in them. The Jennings (regular Wednesday evening liturgy attendees) participated together, singing and discussing the sermon. They sent the link to their daughter, Alexa, in Chicago who shared it with her family. Anne Semmler put it this way, "I can't tell you how comforting it was to hear your voices and the music of St. Brendan's on the Sunday broadcast. What a great idea! Thanks to everyone who is making this happen. And, Julie, your sermon was pitch perfect and (as usual) deeply, deeply appreciated." Toni Passrello put it this way, "Thank you so much for today's service. It gave me an hour of peaceful connection to St. Brendan's...I want you to know that I appreciate you and the vestry providing this video service. You "reached me", and I'm sure many others." I'm sure you all remember the Galones: Trish and Neil spend half their year in Florida and half in Pittsburgh. Here's what they had to say, "You know, Trish and I have a church here in Winter Haven that we attend when we are not in Pittsburgh. We much prefer actually attending the service in person. However, with Coronavirus, we started attending our Winter Haven church online. Now that St Brendan's has the full service online, and we are unable to attend our church here in person, we much prefer to "attend" your service. Just wanted to give you a shout out and let you know that we are out here in the congregation." I don't know about you, but these heartfelt sentiments make me feel good all over and give me hope. I believe that streaming our liturgy will minister to so many people in deeply spiritual ways.

I've been in close contact with our bishop, our physicians, Tim and other parishioners as well as the CDC alerts, etc. From all fronts the clear chorus is that we get our number of physical participants at the in-person liturgy down to 3-4, even though we are practicing social distancing. At bare minimum we will need a priest, an organist, technical help and perhaps someone to help with readings. Julie and I will work out a schedule after this Sunday so that only one of us will preside and preach at these liturgies. I've asked two of our attendees, who go home to families, to reduce the risk of taking home any potential viral agents by remaining home on Sundays. This Sunday we will likely have six Brendanites present. The following week we hope to be at the recommended 3-4 participants.

Tim and I have been talking and meeting virtually daily and more. With heavy hearts we decided, based on many professional consultations, to not open the church building for private, personal visits and prayer. Likewise, we will not distribute the Eucharist to anyone outside of the physical church building at this time. Julie made a theological point (similarly made by our bishop to the priests) at the Worship meeting last night that as we (the physical participants in our only live worship opportunity) are the tangible community at prayer and worship for St. Brendan's; we who receive the body and blood of Christ do so not only for ourselves, but for all the people of St. Brendan's. All People of St. Brendan's receive the sacrament through our participation on your behalf.

**THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO AND PARTICIPATE IN**—Remember the importance of staying connected to your faith community.

1. **TONIGHT, 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 19:** Join an hour-long, live-streaming, call-in faith sharing event hosted by St. Brendan's with Rev. Rebecca DePoe (Pastor of Mt. Nebo Presbyterian Church) and yours truly talking about and taking your questions on the topic "**Living Life in Uncertain Times.**" This will be a call-in event and live. Check your email blast or our web site for call-in and viewing information.
2. **Filling the pews with your pictures:** Ask any preacher — no-one wants to preach to an empty church. We put a blast out yesterday to send your pictures (individual and group—the more pictures, the more filled the church) to Katie at [stbrendans@comcast.net](mailto:stbrendans@comcast.net). (We have over 20 pics so far — SO SEND YOURS TODAY! Claim your seat!) We will be capturing all these picture-filled seats to stream them to you weekly. We are setting up an 8 o'clockers area in the nave so your pictures can be placed at about where you usually sit at the 8:00 a.m. chapel service but replicated in the larger area. Choir Members, your pictures will be placed on your chairs in the choir loft. This will be fun!
3. **Adding a Senior Warden Corner to The Little Log:** There's so much pertinent information to be getting to you we need two columns. I'll be handling the more spiritual/pastoral/ministerial needs of us. Tim will be handling the more practical material/financial/building needs of us. For example, Annemarie has been accumulating financial help information opportunities (i.e. where to turn for help, etc.). This type of information and guidance will come from Tim. Look for this starting with today's Little Log.
4. **Morning prayer availability by Zoom:** Julie, Cameron, Darryl and others have been coordinating this. Praying together this way every morning will be available through Zoom Conferencing, which is simple to access and operate. I BEG YOU TO LEARN THIS. In fact, I am having all my meetings through this method of virtual communication. I did two Marriage preps yesterday through this method as well as our morning staff meeting with Debra, Katie and myself. We did the Worship Committee Meeting last night through Zoom. I'm resuming the Modern Episcopalian Monday Morning 11:00 a.m. meeting this coming Monday — so all real-time attendees will be getting an email from me this week to sign you up for a Zoom training. I'm re-starting our Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Study, and it will be conducted by Zoom starting Tuesday, March 31. We have a group of trainers available to help. (Some of them are Tim Austin, Julie Smith, Cameron Grosh, Regis Smolko, Katie Cervone and the Botti Family — Ben and Chelsea are Zoom Pros—or will be after they read this — LOL!). My goal is 80% of the parish capable of attending a Zoom Meeting by April 15—Ninety-nine per cent by the end of April. We can do this; after all we are St. Brendan's
5. **Phone calling of parish:** I want to encourage all of us to communicate through phone, email and text. After things settle a bit for me, I plan to make at least three calls daily to parishioners and recent visitors to St. Brendan's. We are planning two ministries that will keep in touch with our elderly, shut-ins and sick regularly. We also have a ministry to our healthcare providers forming as well, to keep in touch with all of them throughout this crisis. I'd like to hear from you all, for now a text, email or an old-fashioned note works well. I've gotten many of these so far. They mean a lot.

So, that's all I have for now. Email blasts will be our quickest way to communicate with you. Check our web site for the latest information. Annemarie and Kelli are keeping this tool up-to-date and extremely useful. Our Facebook page is relevant and many of us are on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and other social media. Connect! Connect! Connect!

Feel free to pass on to others our liturgy, fun activities and various other methods of uplift and connection. Don't be afraid to invite others to our live-streaming opportunities. I've gotten three requests today to be added to our email blast list. We have opportunities up and running that people are looking for. Our AA group decided yesterday to continue through Zoom Conferencing. We were able to leave the call-in information on our church door for those who come to that meeting at 7:00 a.m. Tuesdays. The AA group just registered this new location for St. Brendan's AA meeting with the main office in Pittsburgh. It's all about connection! Connection! Connection!

Stay healthy and All good to you,

**Regis+**

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## **Senior Warden's Corner**

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Fr. Regis and I have discussed the need for The Priest's Corner to focus (especially in this time of complexity and challenge) on pastoral and spiritual matters. He cannot—and should not—be expected to combine such guidance to us, his parishioners, with comments on more mundane practical concerns. He and I have therefore agreed that, when necessary and appropriate, I will offer some thoughts as Senior Warden.

Let me begin, then, by thanking publicly (as I have already in private) the team that successfully recorded and distributed last Sunday's service. Just half a dozen individuals exploited relatively simple technology to deliver a beautiful worship experience that many of us found uplifting and reassuring. The Worship Committee has developed some suggestions for minor tweaks and is already at work to see what can be done for Holy Week and Eastertide. But we are building on a fine foundation that others established last weekend.

Let me also—very gently—remind us all that the church's expenses do not go away just because coronavirus is keeping us at home. Salaries and benefits must still be paid, payments made to utilities and vendors, software subscriptions maintained. If you are not already remitting your pledge payments automatically, please do be sure to mail in a contribution from time to time so that we do not fall behind on these basic obligations.

I welcome your suggestions about topics I should address in this column going forward and, more generally, your questions or concerns about anything that falls within the Senior Warden's portfolio.

**Sr. Warden, Tim Austin**

## Announcements

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**We miss you and need your help.** While we're so grateful to be able to stream our services to you on Sundays, we miss looking out and seeing your faces. For those who are able, please email us your pictures. We're going to print them and attach them to the chairs in the sanctuary. Send pictures of yourselves, your families, your loved ones. It will be such a joy to look out and see your faces on Sunday morning!

**Please become comfortable with zoom conferencing. It's a wonderful way to stay connected.**

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personal papers.

St. Brendan's has put together a **Funeral Planning Packet**. This provides you the opportunity to let your loved ones know your final wishes, and it can give them the comfort of knowing what you would want to have. Printed copies are available at the office, and soon electronic copies will be made available via the website. If you would like any assistance filling one out, both Father Regis and Mother Julie are willing to sit down with you to answer any questions you might have. Completed copies can be kept in a confidential file at the church, or you can choose to keep one with your

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**The Sunday school classrooms** were originally designed and painted so that each room represents one day from the creation story. The wall colors chosen reflect the Bible passages. Room 1, the first classroom following the teachers' office, is called the Day and Night room, and it is painted a pinkish gray and deep blue because, "God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night."

Room 2 is labelled the Sky and Sea room. It is painted two shades of blue, for "God said, 'Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.'"

The shades of green in the third classroom represent vegetation. "And God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit.'"

The fourth classroom's shades of yellow represent the sun, moon and stars: "And God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also."

Room 5 is unique: it's the floor that tells the story. Birds of the air, fish of the sea and beasts of the earth are indicated by their colored shapes on the tile floor: "And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the firmament of the heavens.' ... 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth...'"

The largest classroom was designed for our youth. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." This room has variously been called the J2A room, the Rite 13 room, the game-room and, currently, the handprint room, which describes it accurately, for it contains the handprints of many of our teens who studied there for their confirmations.

The dome connects all these rooms: "And on the seventh day God rested."

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**CRIES Advocacy.** Christian Response in Emergency Situations meets monthly on the third Sunday in the library after the 10 a.m. service to determine distribution of the parish's outreach tithe each month. Each person present has an equal voice and vote on where the money goes.

The next CRIES meeting is **Sunday, April 19**. All are welcome.

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**New Voter Reform Laws:** On April 28, Pennsylvanians can exercise their civic duty and vote in the primary. Act 77 provides significant improvements to voter laws in PA. One of those improvements is:

**Consider registering for mail-in voting.** As long as you are already registered to vote, you can sign up – no reason necessary. Just go to [VOTESPA.COM](http://VOTESPA.COM), click on "Other Links", then "Votes PA" and you can register right there. The county must receive your application by 5 pm on April 21.

**For more information on other improvements, visit [VOTESPA.COM](http://VOTESPA.COM). For more information on the candidates, visit [VOTE411.ORG](http://VOTE411.ORG) starting about three weeks before each election.**

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**North Hills Food Pantry.** We are asking for canned good donations to help needy families. The following are especially needed: canned tuna, salmon and chicken, canned beets and potatoes, and canned applesauce. Please remember, no glass jars or expired items. If you have any questions, contact Donna Aiello [donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com](mailto:donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com). Thank you for your support.

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<http://www.stbrendans.org>

**Join us on Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/StBrendansEpiscopalChurch/>

**Recommend us on Nextdoor:** <https://nextdoor.com/pages/st-brendans-episcopal-church-sewickley-pa/recommend/>

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St. Brendan's is hoping to participate in an **Earth Day Event Downtown Pittsburgh** on **April 22**. We are looking for someone with some artistic ability who may be willing to help us design a banner for St. Brendan's to carry in the parade that day. Anyone out there who might be interested, contact Donna Aiello – 412-759-1521 or [donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com](mailto:donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com). Thank you! More details on this event coming soon!

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**Do you have a special prayer request?** You can write one and leave it on the Prayer Plate near Regis' office. On Sunday those prayers are offered up to God during the 8 a.m. service. Each week they are collected by the Pastoral Care Ministry members and added to their daily prayers. You can also email prayer requests to [rvhorton@gmail.com](mailto:rvhorton@gmail.com). Pastoral Care Ministry members will include those persons in daily prayers or send out a prayer via text or email to someone if requested. All prayers and requests are kept confidential.

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**At the 2019 Diocesan Convention**, a resolution was passed that addressed the need for better communication within the diocese and with a broader public. In that context, the diocese is now recruiting individuals who wish to contribute either by serving on a Diocesan Communication Steering Committee or by acting as a story writer, photographer, or technical expert (especially in social media, alternative media, website design and management). If you believe you may be called to apply your talents in one of these ways, please contact Tim Austin (who has been asked to forward names by March 31). Thank you.

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**Trinity Cathedral Walk-In Ministry.** Every five weeks Brendanites help to staff the Walk-In Ministry at Trinity Cathedral downtown, feeding and clothing 70 to 90 desperately needy people. You can help by donating children's diapers; new, white athletic socks and underwear for women and men; toothpaste, razors and travel size cans of shaving cream. Please leave donations in the wicker basket outside Regis' office. If you might be interested in volunteering at the cathedral in person, please see Linda Schneider, Meg Overby or Tim Austin. Our next time to volunteer for the Walk-in Ministry is the week of April 6-10.

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**Please scroll to the next few pages for the Hospitality Hour schedule and the March ministry calendar.**



# March 2020

## Ministry calendar

	Lectors	Welcome Table	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Steward	Hospitality
March 1 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck L Sheila Bigelow P Tim Austin C Stacey Coyle C Tim Austin LEV Darrell Johnson	Libby Juel Phoebe Juel	Ellen Groves Janet Fesq	Children's Chapel	Stephanie Illsley	Joyce Donadee Michael Donadee	Ruth Horton	Rob Latta	Janice & Dan Moore
March 4 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Sylvia Affleck	~	Sylvia Affleck	~	~	~	~	~	~
March 8 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous L Susan Shoemaker P Michael Donadee C Darrell Johnson C Dean Peters LEV Stacey Coyle	Megan Overby Mark Shoemaker	Sylvia Affleck Betsy Smith	Lambs Saundy Waseleski Fish Mary Bertucci Door Emily Zupanic	Stephanie Illsley Pat Carl	Bob Smith Eric Helmsen	Dean Peters	Dale Bertucci	Amy & Kevin Boyd
March 11 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	~	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~	~
March 15 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ruth Horton L Dean Peters P Nate Boyd C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Joyce Donadee	Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati	Joan Klinefelter Shari Tarrant	Lambs Meghan Karn Fish Janice Moore Door open	Stephanie Illsley Mary Haider	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Cameron Grosh	Tim Austin	Eric Helmsen Ken Parsons
March 18 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	~	Ellen Groves	~	~	~	~	~	~
March 22 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ruth Getz L Tony Turo P Alan Schneider C Dean Peters C Debbie Wunsche LEV Ruth Getz	Karen Peters Marge Marine	Chris Botti Janice Moore	Children's Liturgy	Stephanie Illsley Libby Juel	Chris Fleissner Mike Wick	Mary Bertucci	Eric Helmsen	Volunteer needed
March 25 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	~	Ellen Groves	~	~	~	~	~	~
March 29 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday	8 Ellen Groves L Children P Children C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Ruth Horton	Libby Juel Phoebe Juel	Terry Dezort Brigid Christenson	Lambs Volunteer needed Fish Allison Kline Door Sylvia Affleck	Stephanie Illsley Sarika Sethia	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Donna Aiello	Wesley Bell	Meghan & Robert Karn



# Hospitality Hour Hosts/Hostesses



## October 2019

- 6 ~~Melanie & Thaddeus Popovich~~
- 13 ~~Dottie & Carl Antonucci~~
- 20 ~~Kinley & Aretz families~~
- 27 ~~Lauren Chappo and Becca Sands~~

## November 2019

- 3 ~~Brenna Conroy & Kristen Bailey~~
- 10 ~~Melinda & Wesley Bell~~
- 17 ~~Sheila Bigelow & Jim Roche~~
- 24 ~~Church sign-up (Appetizers)~~

## December 2019

- 1 ~~Choir~~
- 8 ~~Brigid & Jim Christenson~~
- 15 ~~Julie Smith & Colette Sattler~~
- 22 ~~Church sign-up (appetizers)~~
- 29 ~~Stacey Coyle and Andrea Dickerson~~

## January 2020

- 5 ~~Karen Dennis and Janet Fesq~~
- 12 ~~Mary & Dale Bertucci~~
- 19 ~~Joyce & Michael Donadee~~
- 26 ~~Annual Meeting church sign-up (soup)~~

## February 2020

- 2 ~~Donna Aiello & Sharon Hlawati~~
- 9 ~~Chris & Roger Botti~~
- 16 ~~Richard Gordon, Janice & Dan Moore~~
- 23 ~~Anne Semmler and Cameron Gresh~~

## March 2020

- 1 ~~Janice & Dan Moore~~
- 8 ~~Amy & Kevin Boyd~~
- 15 ~~Eric Helmsen and Ken Parsons~~
- 22 ~~open~~
- 29 ~~Meghan & Robert Karn~~

## April 2020

- 5 ~~Cindy & Pete Larson~~
- 12 ~~Hospitality Committee~~
- 19 ~~Libby and Phoebe Juel~~
- 26 ~~Stephanie Illsley & Justin Ziegler~~

## May 2020

- 3 ~~The Bertucci family~~
- 10 ~~Parish Men~~
- 17 ~~Laureen & Todd Douds~~
- 24 ~~Sharon & Ron Ladick~~
- 31 ~~Linda & Jason Konley~~

## June 2020

- 7 ~~Marian & AJ McKenna~~  
~~Trish & Neil Galone~~
- 14 ~~Annemarie Malbon and Joe Macklin~~
- 21 ~~Erica & Mark McClure~~
- 28 ~~Parish Picnic~~

## July 2020

- 5 ~~open, volunteer needed~~
- 12 ~~Kate & Keith Heston~~
- 19 ~~Volunteer needed~~
- 26 ~~Joni Reis and Thaddeus Popovich~~

## August 2020

- 2 ~~Lauren & Ashwin Ramakrishna~~
- 9 ~~Arlena & Bill Pugliese~~
- 16 ~~Anne Semmler and Andrew Sprentz~~
- 23 ~~Saundy & Tom Waseleski~~
- 30 ~~AJ Turo, Rob & George Latta~~

## September 2020

- 6 ~~Nancy & George Snyder~~
- 13 ~~Emmalynne & Michael Waseleski~~
- 20 ~~Emily & Brad Zupancic~~
- 27 ~~Janet Fesq and Chris Fleissner~~



### **ST. BRENDAN'S MISSION**

Jesus said, "I have come to give life – life in all its fullness." John 10:10.  
Our mission is the realization of fullness through:  
the worship of God; service to the world;  
active concern for each other;  
and education to expand mind and spirit.

### **PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS**

Audit: Kevin Boyd  
Book Club: Pat Carl  
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski  
Dinner Group: Inactive  
Finance Chair: Eric Helmsen  
Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore  
Historian: Ellen Groves  
Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale: Karen Dennis  
Memorial Garden: Dan Moore  
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski  
Parish Profile: Inactive  
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich  
Rental: George Snyder  
Scholarship: Tom Waseleski  
Sticks & Strings: Joni Reis  
Debbie Jennings  
Web Site: Kelli Cerra

### **OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS**

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski  
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves  
English as a Second Language: Tim Austin  
Joyce Donadee  
Linda Schneider  
Garden of Hope: Tim Michael  
Miriam's: Julia Wick  
Rob & George Latta  
North Hills Food Bank Ministry: Larry Toler  
Social Justice: Clair Grotevant  
Marilyn Mulvihill  
Under One Roof: Inactive

### **WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS**

Acolytes: Anelisa Tarrant  
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant  
Community of Hope: Ruth Horton  
Flower Ministry: Sylvia Affleck  
Libby Juel  
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra  
Ushers: Eric Helmsen

### **VESTRY MEMBERS**

Sr. Warden: Tim Austin  
Jr. Warden & Secretary/Clerk: Ruth Horton  
Adult Formation: Dean Peters  
Audio-Visual Technology: Cameron Grosh  
Communication: Annemarie Malbon  
Finance: Mary Bertucci  
Fundraising: Larry Toler  
Inreach & Hospitality: Janice Moore  
Newcomers: Dean Peters and Mary Bertucci  
Outreach and Social Justice: Donna Aiello  
Safety & Security: Tim Austin  
Treasurer: Ellen Groves (with Roger Botti)  
Worship: Cameron Grosh

### **ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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