



St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

18 February 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

I was ordained to the priesthood on 10 July 1993, which means that this summer I will celebrate the 25th anniversary of my ordination. In observance of that jubilee we will sing Vespers here at 5 pm on Sunday 8 July 2018, and then all are welcome at a reception in Gallivan Hall immediately after Vespers. I mention this now not only to draw your attention to the date but also to explain why I am going to Rome for nine days in late February and early March. I lived in Rome for five years of study and seminary formation, but that was now a quarter century ago, and I have seldom returned to the Eternal City in all the years since. In preparation for my anniversary, I am going to Rome for a few days this Lent to seek the Lord, to pray at the tombs of Saints Peter and Paul, and to join in the lenten pilgrimage to the Stational Churches established by Pope Saint Gregory the Great over 1400 years ago. I will also probably find time to enjoy a dish of pasta at one or two of my favorite Roman restaurants!

My purpose in Rome will be to renew the commitment I made 25 years ago when I accepted the call of Christ and His Church to live and love as a priest, but my lenten retreat in Rome will also simply be part of the journey we are all called to undertake in the 40 Days. On Ash Wednesday we heard the Word of the Lord from the Prophet Joel: "Return to me with your whole heart ... rend your hearts not your garments." We need to return to God with our whole heart because our hearts are divided, and all of us have experienced the struggle between the desire to do what is right and the desire to do what we want. That interior division and struggle between the man I am and the man I should be is at the heart of all Christian conversion and discipleship, and there is zero possibility of being a disciple of Jesus Christ without a life-changing commitment to continuing conversion from sin and selfishness. But to be open to such ongoing conversion requires that we accept the truth of the Gospel and surrender to that truth in the obedience of faith, and that is why the Lord Jesus insists that being authentic disciples demands our acceptance of his saving doctrine. "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (John 8.31-32)

Our conversion from sin begins at Baptism, but it must continue all the days of our lives. Four of the seven sacraments confer the forgiveness of sins, and they are: Baptism, the Holy Eucharist, Anointing of the Sick, and Penance. After Baptism, the only ordinary way in which grave sins are forgiven is by receiving the Sacrament of Penance, by going to Confession. Catholics are bound (remember the power of binding and loosing, given by the Lord Jesus to his Apostles?) to go to Confession at least once each year as part of their Easter duty, and any Catholic who has not been to Confession in at least a year is no longer in full communion with Christ and his Church. I will go to Confession while I am in Rome, and I invite you to go to Confession during these 40 Days of preparation for Easter. You can do that here on Saturday and Wednesday afternoons at the posted hours, by making an appointment with any of the priests at St Mary's, or by visiting any of the ten Catholic churches in Greenville County for the regular times of Confessions. You can also take advantage of many priests hearing Confessions at 7 pm on Monday 19 March at St Mary Magdalene, Simpsonville. Remember the Word of the Lord: Return to me with your whole heart, and rend your heart.

Father Newman

LENTEN VESPERS

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fr. Jay Scott Newman, Pastor



SUNDAYS IN LENT at 5 PM

February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25

Sung by the Schola Cantorum of St. Mary's

*Arlen Clarke, Choirmaster
David Rhyne, Organist*

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 18 February 2018

7.30 am ✕ Billy Eugene Pruitt
9.00 am ✕ Irene Bikulege
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 19 February 2018

7.00 am ✕ Mary Gore

Tuesday, 20 February 2018

7.00 am ✕ Argemira Palacio
12.00 noon Fr. Renaud West

Wednesday, 21 February 2018

7.00 am ✕ Michael McGrady
12.00 noon ✕ Patti Waters

Thursday, 22 February 2018

7.00 am Special Intention
12.00 noon ✕ Ernest Desrochers

Friday, 23 February 2018

7.00 am ✕ George Lesmes

Saturday, 24 February 2018

5.00 pm ✕ James Griffin

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 18 February 2018

No 3 & 4 Year Olds class this week
K of C Breakfast: After all morning Masses (P)
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
9.00 am Scripture Study
5.00 pm Solemn Vespers (church)
6.00 pm Women of Grace
6.30 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday, 19 February 2018

7.00 pm Boy Scouts (M)

Tuesday, 20 February 2018

8.30 am Program of Catholic Studies (M)

Wednesday, 21 February 2018

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &
Confessions (church)
6.30-7.30 pm Religious Education
6.30 Introduction to Catholicism (M)
6.30 pm Program of Catholic Studies

Thursday, 22 February 2018

Friday, 23 February 2018

6.15 am Morning Prayer (church)
6.30-8.00 am Pillars of Christ
10.00 am Scripture Study Class
3.30-5.00 pm Youth Choir Practice
6.00 pm Way of the Cross (church)
followed by Lenten Dinner (P)

Saturday, 24 February 2018

8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd abortion clinic
3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 10/11 February

Needed	33,800
Received	36,591
Surplus	2,791

Poor Box	246
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,115,400
Received	1,123,695
Surplus	8,295

Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of your Electronic Fund Transfer online, you can now do so through the "Manage Your EFT" link on the homepage of our website. For more information or if you have any questions please contact Jennifer Anderson at jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org.



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St. Mary's Catholic Church
Greenville SC.

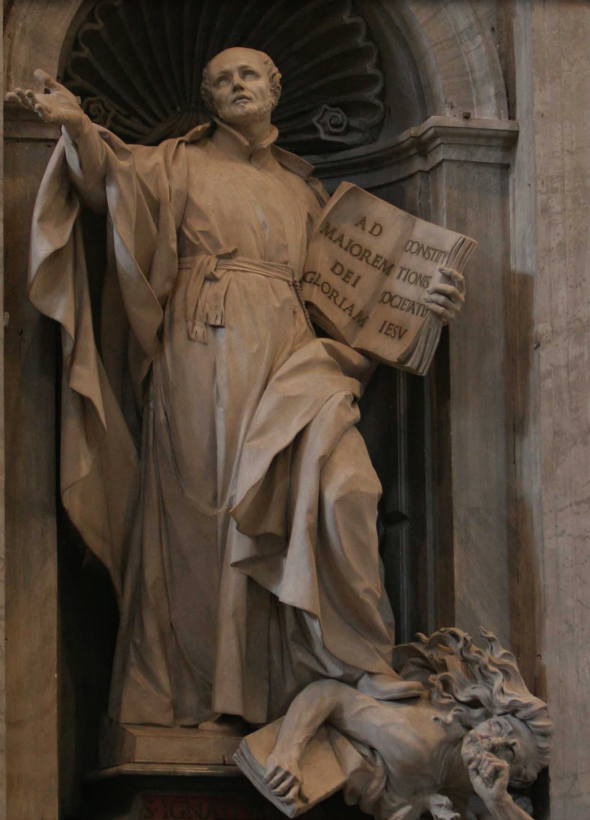
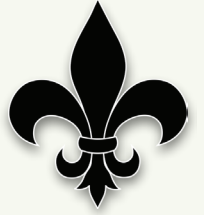
G - Gallivan Hall M- McGrady Hall
P - Pazdan Hall Dining Room

* All events in Sacred Heart Hall
unless a location is listed.

Visit us on the web at
www.stmarysgvl.org

St. Mary's Program of Catholic Studies

Spring 2018 Course Offerings



The Catholic Reformation

Tuesdays 8.30 am in McGrady Hall

Join TJ Nielsen and Tony Owens as they go through the history of the true reformation of the 16th century, the Catholic Reformation. Learn about the Council of Trent, the great saints of the Catholic Reformation such as St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. John of the Cross, and St. Teresa of Avila, as well as about the Baroque movement in sacred music, art, and architecture.

The Letter to the Hebrews

Wednesdays 6.30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall

Join St. Mary's resident scripture scholar, Dr. Joe Beauchemin, as he unpacks the Letter to the Hebrews.

More Information or to Register

Please visit us at <http://stmarysgvl.org/catechesis/program-of-catholic-studies/>

Call or email T.J. Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org

Classes Begin week of 19 February

Liturgical Schedule Change

The noon Masses will not be celebrated
27 February - 1 March
6 March - 8 March

We will have Holy Hour & Confessions
on 28 February and 7 March.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized and for all those who are shut-ins, ill or recuperating at home, especially Paulina Cruz, Brett Gervais, Judy Byrum, Michael Pinto, Joseph & Sandy Srp, Marie-Therese Isidore, Carlton Carpenter, Jim Barber, Jordan A. Upham, John Hever, Alfred Smith, Mauren Lukovic, Christine Tancrell, Dcn. John & Irene Karandisevsky, Ted Karalekas, Lenore Cole, Celsea Patry, John Tyler, Hunter Conant, Florence Mooney, Louis Brouillard, Claude Trépanier, Sr Colombe Gobeil, Anna Deehan, Carly Burkhardt, Alma Furman, Anne Alexander, Ruth O'Rourke, Rafael Marquez and Lori Wylie.

Congratulations to

Maximilian Marion Upham who was baptized last week.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Dr Dale Dingedine, Mr Charles Miros and Ms Magdalene Canfield.

Bulletin Submissions

The deadline for items is 12 days prior to the bulletin date. Contact Lisa at lisa.watkins@stmarysgvl.org to submit items for the e-bulletin.

Mass Intentions

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, contact Vickie Acosta in the parish office at 864.271.8422 or vickie.acosta@stmarysgvl.org.

Caritas Counseling Services, LLC

Counseling services are available at St. Mary's. Contact Dorothy Whalen by phone at 864.679.4122 or by email at dorothy.whalen@stmarysgvl.org.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 17/18 February

Support of the Parish & Bishop's Appeal

*St. Mary's is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners.
Thank you for your generosity and support.*

Parish Office Closure

The parish office will be closed on
Monday 19 February for the Presidents Day holiday.

Lenten Devotions

WAY OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS OF LENT
AT 6 PM

SOLEMN VESPERS

SUNDAYS OF LENT
AT 5 PM

Friday Lenten Dinner

The members of the St. Mary's Women's Council will serve a light dinner after each of the Stations of the Cross, beginning Friday, 16 February. Grilled cheese sandwiches, salad, soup and beverages will be served in the Pazdan Hall dining room.

2017 Tax Statements

Please contact Jennifer Anderson, Director of Finance, at jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4102 if you would like a copy of your contribution statement for 2017. Please allow several days to process and mail your statement.

Tax statements are only mailed upon request.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast



The KofC Monthly Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday 18 February in the Pazdan Hall Dining Room after all the morning Masses. All are welcome to share breakfast with the parish family.

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women Sewing Ministry

The group will meet next on 20 & 27 February from 10 am - 12:00 pm at the Sew Creative Sewing Studio, 1901-B Laurens Rd., Greenville. They will be working on pillowcase dresses to send to a Catholic orphanage in Haiti in the spring, along with the original pillowcases for the Greenville Children's Hospital. Bring a pair of sharp scissors or a rotary cutter. If you don't like to sew there are many other ways to help including cutting and ironing. Contact: Kim Adams at craigandkim@aol.com or 407.756.2255.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday Mornings Religious Education for 3 & 4 Year Olds Grades 1-8

No class this weekend Wednesday 6.30-7.30 pm

Confirmation Information Meeting for Parents

On Wednesday 21 February at 2.15 pm (Pazdan Hall) or at 6.45 pm (Gallivan Hall) for parents with students in the 7th grade preparing for Confirmation for Fall 2018. One parent must attend.

First Communion Retreat

Sunday 25 February from 10.15 am - 12.45 pm in Pazdan Hall. Students must be pre-registered.

Vacation Bible School Celebrating 20 years of VBS!

Set Sail with the Holy Trinity featuring St. Patrick on 11-15 June from 9am to noon (Friday 11.30am).

SECOND DAY THEME: Jesus, the Son of God

Bible Verse: "With all my heart I seek you;..."
Psalm 119.10

Registration forms for families and for teen/adult volunteers are now available online at stmarysgvl.org (Catechesis tab) or the church office. We are now looking for adult volunteers; if you are interested contact Kim Adams at 407.756.2255 or craigandkim@aol.com.

Friday Morning Bible Study

The Friday Morning Bible Study will begin a new 8-week Catholic Scripture Study course called *Kingdom of Happiness: Living the Beatitudes in Everyday Life*. This will start on 16 February. All are welcome. If you are interested please contact Sue Prevost at 288.6649 or sbkprevost@gmail.com.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

The Sunday Morning Bible Study will begin 1st and 2nd Thessalonians starting 4 March. Come join us Sundays at 9.00 am in the upstairs conference room of Sacred Heart Hall. For more information, please contact Joe Beauchemin at josephbeauchemin@hotmail.com.



EFT Donation

St. Mary's offers Electronic Funds Transfer through the parish website as a way to automate your regular weekly offertory donation.

EFT donation lets you

- make a one-time or recurring donation
- change your plan
- update your account information
- contribute to parish, diocesan, and second collections
- view your online donation history

EFT donation options include:

Direct Debit Donation that allows you to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account.

Credit & Debit Card Donation that allows you to make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Visit the 'Manage Your EFT' link on the homepage of our parish website.



st. mary's catholic school

TRADITION



VIRTUE



EXCELLENCE



Priority Testing Dates at 9 am:

27 January 2018

24 February 2018

Call to schedule your school tour: 864.679.4117

Grades K3-8



✿ SACS Accredited
✿ National Blue
Ribbon School



101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601 ✿ www.stmarysgvl.org/theschool

Baptism Class

Prior to having a child baptized at St. Mary's, you must have been registered in the parish for at least six months, attending Sunday Mass each week, using the stewardship envelopes, and participating in the life of the parish. Baptisms take place on Saturdays at 6.15 pm after the 5.00 pm Mass. Attending a Baptism Preparation Class is required and may be attended prior to the birth of your child. The next class is scheduled for Monday 16 April at 6.30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Pre-registration in the church office is required. For questions, contact T.J. Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org.

South Carolina Council of Catholic Women (SCCCW) \$1,500 Scholarship Award

The SCCCW Reverend William F. Pentis Memorial Scholarship was established in 2009 to honor Father Pentis, an Oratorian Father, who served as Moderator for the SCCCW, providing spiritual support for more than 30 years. His work with Council was a labor of love. This award is available for Catholic females graduating from high schools within SC and planning to attend an institution of higher education.

Please visit scccw.org to download the 2018 Application which contains the complete eligibility requirements and rules. Applications must be received on or before 13 April to be considered.

St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club \$1,000 Scholarship Award

The Women's Club established this award in 1998 to support Catholic women of the parish in their academic endeavors. We are proud to continue this award, now in its 20th year!

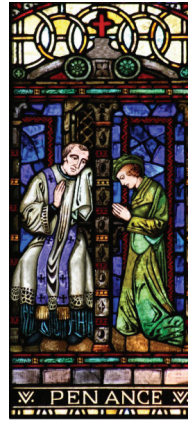
Please go to the parish website to download the 2018 Application which contains the eligibility requirements and rules. Go to stmarysgvl.org, click on 'Parish Organizations' and follow the thread to 'Council of Catholic Women'. Applications must be received by 13 April. No late applications will be considered. The recipient is selected via blind review.



Catholic Radio in South Carolina

WCKI 1300 AM

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Lenten Confessions

Monday 19 March

7.00 pm

St. Mary Magdalene - Simpsonville

Greenville Deanery of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women

The South Carolina Council of Catholic Women (SCCCW) Convention will be held in Charleston from 9-11 March at the N. Charleston Marriott. The Convention is open to all Catholic women. Visit scccw.org for information on the Convention agenda, hotel reservations and forms. Hotel reservation deadline is 20 February and Convention Registration deadline is 23 February. Contact: Susanne Wolfe - 864.313.5866 or susanne.wolfe12@gmail.com.



14 February - 25 March

We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city - and beyond. St. Mary's day to pray at the Greenville Women's Clinic, located at 1142 Grove Road, Greenville, is every Tuesday. You may go at any time from 8 am to 8 pm.

Kickoff Rally

Saturday, 17 February 9.30-10.30 am: Public right-of-way in front of Greenville Women's Clinic. Speakers: Shiela Miller, author, presents "Evelyn's Story, A Testimony of God's Love." Emily Barnhill, President of Students for Life, North Greenville University shares her pro-life witness. Carrie Gifford will provide an update on Sidewalk Advocates for Life. Music by Mason Costa and St. Mary's Youth. Parking is at the empty shops across the street from Piedmont Women's Center and at Grove Road Baptist Church.



CHARLESTON VOCATIONS

Catholic Diocese of Charleston, SC



Prayer for Vocations

Loving and gracious God, Father of all, you bless your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through your providential care. Your Church is continually in need of priests, sisters and brothers to offer themselves in the service of the Gospel by lives of dedicated love. Open the hearts of your sons and daughters to listen to your call in their lives. Give them the gift of understanding to discern your invitation to serve you and your Church. Give them the gift of courage to follow your call. May they have the spirit of young Samuel who found fulfillment in his life when he said to you, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

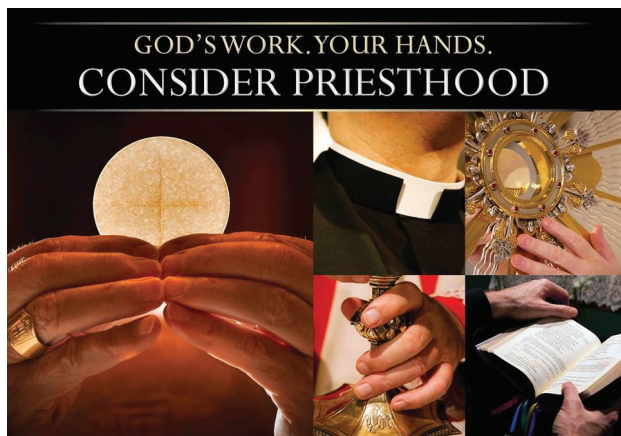
Prayer for Seminarians

O Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest, I pray that You call many worthy souls to Your holy priesthood.

Enlighten the Bishop in the choice of candidates, the Spiritual Director in molding them, and the professors in instructing them.

Lead the seminarians daily in Your unerring footsteps; so that they may become priests who are models of purity, possessors of wisdom and heroes of sacrifice; steeped in humility and aflame with love for God and man; apostles of Your glory and sanctifiers of souls.

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for our seminarians.



2018 Ordinations

It is with great pleasure that I announce the following ordinations for the Diocese of Charleston:



**Mr. Jimmy Touzeau
and
Mr Francisco Oñate-Vargas
to the
Transitional Diaconate**



Friday 18 May
6.00 pm
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Greenville, SC



**Deacon Rhett Williams
to the
Sacred Priesthood**

Friday 8 June
6.00 pm
Cathedral of St John the Baptist
Charleston, SC

+ The Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone

If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocations Office.

www.CharlestonVocations.com

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Mary Magdalene

A key card is required to enter the chapel. If you would like to sign up as an adorer or regular visitor, or just visit for the day, please come to the St. Mary Magdalene parish office Monday - Friday, between 9.00 am and 3.30 pm.

Prince of Peace

Please begin to discern if the Lord is pressing upon your heart a particular hour with Him. A weekly Holy Hour will strengthen the ministry, which in turn continues the 24/7 availability. But mostly your YES opens the door of your heart so God can fill you with His love, His peace, His joy. Contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or call 864.508.7123 for more information or to schedule your weekly hour. "My joy, my pleasure, my delight is to be with you." (Proverbs 8.31)

A Secular Franciscan Lenten Retreat St. Mary of the Angels Parish Hall 1821 White Street, Anderson, SC 29624

Mother Cabrini Emerging Secular Franciscan Fraternity, with support from Our Lady of Good Counsel Fraternity in Greenville, will host a Lenten Retreat, "Conversion of the Heart." The event will be held Saturday, 3 March. Guest speaker will be Fr. Bob Menard, OFM, from St. Andrew's Parish in Clemson. Registration will begin at 9.00 am. The retreat will open with Morning Prayer at 9.30, will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, noon Mass, Stations of the Cross, and will conclude with Evening Prayer at 3.00 pm. There is no charge, and a light lunch will be provided. Open to all! Please RSVP to Nanette Perron, OFS at nperron@sma43.org.

Rachel's Vineyard 16-18 March in Greenville

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats bring spiritual healing and strengthening of faith to individuals who have had or participated in an abortion. The retreat is a journey to healing, peace and reconciliation. We begin on Friday evening with Scripture and activities and conclude with Mass on Sunday. The retreat is confidential and non-judgmental. For more information, please contact Christy 803.554.6088, grace4healing@gmail.com or Kathy at 803.546.6010. Limited space is available.

Icon Painting Workshop
St. Rafka Catholic Church, Greenville, South Carolina
Experience the unique spiritual world of the Byzantine Era through icon painting

July 16-21, 2018
St. Rafka Catholic Church
Greenville, South Carolina

Join us on this six day intensive course under the direction of visiting master iconographer and expert instructor Theodoros Papadopoulos from Greece. This Christ Pantocrator icon will "come alive" as he will guide you step by step, through the ancient techniques of Byzantine Iconography. Let us journey together, discovering anew, this traditional artistic expression of theology and spirituality often called the "meeting place of the Divine". Whether you are absolutely beginner or an advanced artist, this workshop offers an opportunity to learn and refine your techniques in this sacred art.

Your tuition fee of \$680 includes most supplies including boards, pigments and brushes.
Space is limited and early registration is suggested.
For enrollment and more information, visit the website www.theodoreicons.com/sc or contact Ms Aziza Stansberry at: Stansberry.azizaX@gmail.com phone number: 8645061924



Family Honor Banquet

You are invited to help Family Honor celebrate our 30 years of service to families with a banquet on Saturday 24 March at 6.30 pm at Cardinal Newman School in Columbia, SC. Keynote speaker will be Dr. John Grabowski, member of the Pontifical Council for the Family, professor at Catholic University of America and advisor to the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family and Youth. Bishop Guglielmone will also attend. There is no registration fee, although pre-registration is required and voluntary donations will be requested during the banquet. For more information or to register for the banquet, go to FamilyHonor.org (30th Anniversary tab) or call Brenda Cerkez at 803.929.0858.



Love - Sacrifice - Trust: He Showed Us the Way



Fr. Mike Schmitz shares important insights on the meaning of Christ's Cross. He shows how God's rescue mission for us includes the need for each person to embrace his own cross in order to reestablish trust in the Father and the understanding that love requires sacrifice. It also includes a bonus segment on Stations of the Cross, which features reflections on the Lord's Passion and Death, accompanied by moving audio dramatizations from the Truth and Life Audio Bible.

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