

# St. Raphael - Holy Angels Parish

Hamilton, New Jersey 08610



## *Reflection on Today's Scripture Readings by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

There is a “dream factory” inside each one of us that produces items that delight us, and at other times scare us, and even warn us. St. Joseph, for example, is a prime example of experiencing the latter, followed by the wise men whose story is read today. As the three of them give us pause as we hear their story again on the Epiphany, we conjure up their exotic wardrobe, trained camels richly saddled, and their precious gifts. But their story is not without the apprehension that evil lurking in the wings causes. In this instance, the good intentions of the visitors are threatened by a scheming neurotic tyrant named Herod.

What offers the wise men warning is their shared dream. So their appearance in the Bible ends as quietly as it began. They mount their camels and set out for their homeland, as Matthew puts it, “by another way.”

### **First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

The prophet speaks of the glorious New Zion, a splendid restoration of all Israel. The wealth of the world will come to her, and even foreign kings will bow down to her.

### **Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6**

Paul's great insight is that the Gentiles are full participants in the Church. By mentioning the apostles, the author reminds his readers of the Church's solid foundation.

### **Gospel: Matthew 2:1-2**

The story of the wise men's visit to the Infant Lord brings together elements of wonder and deceit, along with love. The three gifts, causing us to think of a party of three, may have been inspired by Matthew's knowledge of today's passage from Isaiah.



**January 7, 2018 – FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**

## **MASSES for the Week of January 7, 2018**

**Weekday and Weekend Masses are in St. Raphael Church.**

### **Sat., January 6. Christmas Weekday; Memorial of Saint André Bessette, Religious**

8:00 am-(1)Kevin McCoy, r/b Andrew Varianka & Johnny Melnick

4:30 pm-(1)Helen M. Hohmann Golinski, r/b Bob, Shannon & Brian;(2)

Kevin McCoy, r/b Brothers, Ken & Josh;(3)Intentions of Bertha Piepsack (living), r/b Charles Brodowicz

### **Sun., January 7. THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

7:30am-(1)People of the Parish;(2)Member of the Purgatorial Society;(3) Intentions of Louise Foley (living) 90th Birthday, r/b Rob & Jeanine Foley

9:30 am-(1)Nicholas Pratico, r/b Oliver Family;(2)Marjorie Scanella, r/b Phyllis Jennings;(3)Catherine Vaneekhoven, r/b Eleanor Lacky & Family

11:30 am-(1)Cesar Sagnip, r/b Colter Family;(2)Francis "Bud" Carella, r/b Dunfree Family;(3)Edward P. Minar, r/b Mr. & Mrs. Richard Maziarz

5:00 pm--(1)Nicholas Pratico, r/b The Potocki Family;(2)Irene M. Kennedy, r/b Mattonelli Family

### **Mon., January 8. FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

7:30 am-(1)Intentions of Gina Cattone (living), r/b Jean Douglass;(2)

Diane Duffy, r/b Joe & Eileen Duffy;(3)Louis G. Costa, Sr., r/b John Margicin

6:30 am-(1)Intentions of Debbie Shea (living), r/b The Conboy Family;(2) John C. Persi, r/b Darlene & John Giovannetti;(3)Mark Zorichak, r/b Amy & Justin Tibbetts

### **Tues., January 9. Weekday [Week 1 in Ordinary Time]**

7:30 am-(1)Donald Groffie, r/b Tom & Maryann Wilson;(2)Joseph Upcavage, r/b Margaret Tresansky

6:30 pm-(1)Nico Dacayanan, r/b The Dacayanan Family;(2)Robert Keim, Sr., r/b St. Raphael-Holy Angels Holy Name Society

### **Wed., January 10. Weekday [1].**

7:30 am-(1)Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

6:30 pm-(1)Louis G. Costa, Sr., r/b Holy Name Society

### **Thurs., January 11. Weekday [1].**

7:30 am-(1)Louis G. Costa, Sr., r/b St. Raphael-Holy Angels Food Pantry

6:30 pm-(1)Intentions of Jim Potash (living), r/b Family

### **Fri., January 12. Weekday [1]**

7:30 am-(1)Intentions of Merinda & Wayne Giles (living), r/b Peterman Family

6:30 pm-(1)Donald Groffie, r/b The Conboy Family

### **Sat., January 13. Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday**

8:00 am-(1)Irene Dombroski, r/b Family;(2)Louis G. Costa, Sr., r/b John and Anna Maria Dzbenski

4:30 pm-(1)Nicholas Pratico, r/b Sue Wilk & Family;(2)Helen Blatchford, r/b Tony & Julie Schujko;(3)Patricia Truch, r/b Linda & Paul Peoples

### **Sun., January 14. SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30am-(1)Louis G. Costa, Sr., r/b Linda & Bill Paradiso;(2)Rosemary McManiman, r/b Jim & Ann Marie DeWann

9:30 am-(1)People of the Parish;(2)Nicholas Pratico, r/b Jack, Marianne & Christopher Abbott;(3)Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society

11:30 am-(1)Vincent Persichetti, r/b Parents;(2)Nicholas Pratico, r/b Joan Papp;(3)Randall John Passerella, r/b Tom & Erica Passerella

5:00 pm--(1)Wilfredo "Pete" Martinez, r/b The Maguire Family;(2)Bruce Ashley, r/b Laura Aquilino;(3)Sal Schifano, r/b Fran, Dawn & Page

### **Pray for the sick & homebound of our parish.**

Arlene Amisson, Rose Belviso, Alyssa Chaconis, Janet Auletta, Joanna Barry, Kathleen Chester, Helen Ciali, Lou Costa, Sr., Lauren Costantini, Robert Cunningham, Justine Doan, Bob Dunne, Jason Dzbenski, Sue Dzbenski, Laura Fares Farley, Charlene Edwards Fattori, Dorothea Fell, Gina Ferrara, Marie Filidore, Lynda Foldetta, Francis Foley, Patricia Gardner, David Hibbs, Lori Hoos, Anna Mae Kane, MaryAnn Kardos, William Kelly, Carole Kossakowski, Kevin Kreiss, Gregory Lucidi, Alex Manukas, John Margicin, Mary McDonald, Anne Modica, Robert O'Boyle, Patti O'Gorman, Nancy Opalski, Juanita Penkala, Ann Pirrera, Nancy Pollack, Jerome Posz, Marianne Przemieniecki, Judith Pullman, Edward Quinn, III, Albert Rafalski, Donna Marie Ratico, John Ratico, Carl Reinhardt, Sr., June Reinhardt, Jackie Restuccia-DiBiasi, Thomas Ruble, Joan Sandy, Pauline & Edward Sikorski, Edward Sitzler, James R. Smith, Marie Stearle, Eileen Streight, Hannah Wojciechowski, Marco Ziccardi, Virginia Zuno

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

#### **Saturday, January 13:**

4:30 pm: G. Pasqualone, M. White, J. White, A. Wilson, L. Wilson

#### **Sunday, January 14:**

7:30 am: A. Berrios, N. Brachelli, S. Brachelli, G. Pugliese

9:30 am: C. Figueroa, F. Figueroa, A. Cruzeta, E. Nezezon, A. Nezezon

11:30 am: J. Lawrence, Jessica Lawrence, C. Senat, F. Jackson, N. Hollendonner

5:00 pm M. Jordan, N. Sidone, M. Walker, C. Obiukwu, J. Torres

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

Anne Butterfield, Donald F. Groffie, Robert L. Keim, Sr., Emily Lombardo and Andrea J. Quarino

*Requiescant in pace.*

**PARISH OFFICE (rectory):** 3500 S. Broad St., Hamilton, N.J. 08610; 609-585-7049; fax: 609-585-5876; **e-mail:** parishoffice@srhap.org; www.straphael-holyangels.com (including link to current week's bulletin). **NEW HOURS** (effective July 1, 2016): Mon.- Thurs. 9am-7pm; Fri. 9am- 5pm; Sat. 9am-12 noon.

### **PARISH CLERGY:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Gene P. Daguplo

**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Edward Jawidzik

**Deacons:** Deacon Robert Tharp, Deacon Sal Marcello, Deacon Thomas Lavelle, Deacon Richard Arcari, Deacon Bill Palmisano, Deacon David Colter, Deacon Gregory Costa

**PASTORIAL ASSOCIATE:** Sr. Sandra Kulick, S.S.J. (609-270-0388)

**FAITH FORMATION:** (609-585-0542) (Mon.-Fri., 10 am- 4 pm)

**Director of Religious Education:** Deacon Bill Palmisano

**Secretary:** Midge Cassarini **Office Assistant:** Gabriela Gates

**FOOD PANTRY:** John Margicin (609-585-3848)

**MUSIC DIRECTOR:** Lori Hoos (609-462-2929)

**SCHOOL:** (609-5857733; Fax: 609-581-8436; [www.srsnj.org](http://www.srsnj.org))

(Summer [June 20-August18]: Mon. - Thurs., 8 am-2 pm);

**Principal:** Mrs. Ann M. Cwirko

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Gez Ford (609-456-8857)

**BUSINESS MANAGER:** Dennis Heffernan, **Bookkeeper:** Elaine Welsh

**OFFICE SECRETARIES:** Karen Peterman (Mon. thru Fri.-8 am-4 pm), Alice Bolton (Mon. 9 am-3 pm; Wed.-Thurs. 9 am - 12noon; Fri. 9 am-2 pm), Judy Pullman (Tues. 9 am-4 pm; Wed. & Thurs.- 12 noon-7 pm), Claudia DiLissio (Tues. 4-7 pm, Sat. 9am -12); Christine Braun (Mon. 3-7 pm; Fri. 11-5pm)

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Parish,

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

**The Magi represent Gentiles—all people outside the Jewish world. On the feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate the fact that Jesus is revealed not just to the Jewish people, but to the world. Like the Magi, we search for Jesus. When he is revealed to us, we respond by offering gifts—that which is most valuable to us—to Jesus.**

Three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana. The Crib will have a new look, replacing the shepherds with the three Magi and their gifts.

Then, on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We end the season of Christmas. On January 9<sup>th</sup>, we start the Ordinary Time in our liturgical calendar. OT continues through Tuesday, 13 February, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season.

At His baptism at the water of Jordan, Jesus receives the affirmation from the Father to start His mission on earth, to gather humanity back to His Father, to bring heaven on earth.

During this time, the parish continues to reflect the mystery of Christ and honor its fullness especially on Sundays. We eagerly share to our brothers and sisters of Christ's mission of building the followers of Jesus into one family of God here in SRHAP.

In the service of the Lord,

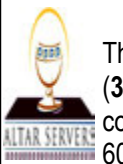
Fr. Gene

Happy  
New Year  
-2018-



### RETURN TO THE UPPER ROOM

the next **Healing Mass** In St. Raphael Church  
will be **Friday, January 19 ~ 6:30 pm**  
The monthly Healing Mass is on the third Friday,  
from Sept. to June (except Lent).



### ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

The Altar Server Ministry is recruiting **new** altar servers  
(3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade). For information, please  
contact Fr. Gene, in the parish office (rectory), at  
609-585-7049, ext. 100.



### ROSARY

Please join us in praying the Rosary every morning prior  
to the 7:30 am Mass, Monday through Friday at 7:10  
am.



### ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The next meeting for the St. Vincent de Paul Society will  
be held on **Wednesday, January 17, 2018**, from **1:30 to  
3:00 pm**, in the parish center.

### HEAD of MINISTRIES and COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR of MINISTRIES

Please e-mail Karen Peterman at [kpeterman@srhap.org](mailto:kpeterman@srhap.org) your  
e-mail address for any important announcements.

### INTENTIONS of POPE FRANCIS for JANUARY

**Pope's Intention for Evangelization:** Religious Minorities in  
Asians. That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian  
countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

### SCHEDULE OF CONFESSIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2018:

**SATURDAYS** – 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm  
**WEDNESDAYS** – After the 6:30 pm Mass (7:00 - 8:00 pm)  
**Except on: January 24 - Liturgy Meeting**  
**FRIDAYS** – After the 6:30 pm Mass (7:00 - 8:00 pm)  
**Except on: January 19 - Healing Mass**

**CONFESSIONS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT.**

### SCHEDULE OF CONFESSIONS:

#### WEEKENDS:

1. **SATURDAY** – 3:15 PM – 4:15 PM

#### WEEKDAYS:

1. **WEDNESDAY** – AFTER THE 6:30 PM MASS (7:00 - 8:00 pm)  
2. **FRIDAYS** – AFTER THE 6:30 PM MASS (7:00 - 8:00 pm)

#### EXCEPTIONS:

1. THE FIRST WEDNESDAY – LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING  
2. THE THIRD FRIDAY – HEALING MASS,  
**(EXCEPT LENT, JULY and AUGUST)**  
3. HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION  
4. THE VIGIL MASS FOR HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION  
5. ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE TRIDUUM  
6. SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (in the Spring, May)  
and AS OTHERWISE NOTED.

**CONFESSIONS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT.**



**LENTEN PARISH MISSION - 2018**  
**St. Raphael-Holy Angels Parish**

Will be celebrated on Monday, **March 19** through Wednesday, **March 21 --8:15 am and 7:15 pm. Presenter: Father Paul Fagan.**  
**Topic: The Challenge of Faith: Living with God's Mercy and Love.** Bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry. "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). Please join us - all are welcome. For more information contact: Josephine Woodward at [jwoodward56@optonline.net](mailto:jwoodward56@optonline.net) or 609-731-4893; Santa Trombino at [stombino01@optonline.net](mailto:stombino01@optonline.net) or 609-249-4219.



**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, February 6**, from **7:30-9:00 pm**, in the Spiritual Center living room. Please use the rear door to enter the St. John Paul II Spiritual Center. For more information, call Deacon Bob Tharp at 609-890-1011.

**ELDERBERRY CLUB**

**Friday, February 2, 1:00 pm.** The New Year's Eve Party was a success and the food, catered by Amari's, was **FANTASTIC!** Much thanks to the **5 Elderberries** who assisted setting up and attending the event--also, the **2 ladies** who provided kitchen help. A **CENTERPIECE** winner also mistakenly took some personal items from their table. They belong to President, Agnes Fischer. It would be appreciated if they could be returned to the Rectory. The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 2, 2018 at 1:00 pm in the parish center. Since February is Heart Awareness Month, we will have someone from St. Francis Hospital speak on heart health. Please feel free to wear something red. For further details, please call Agnes Fischer, President at [609-802-1711](tel:609-802-1711).



**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, **January 10**, at **7:00 pm**, and there will be light refreshments in the parish center.

**PARISH SING-ALONG**

**The parish sing-alongs will resume in the Spring.** Thanks to Frank Bresnen, Manny Chaconis, and Bill Franko who provide the music for these sing-alongs. And thanks to all who attended and donated to the Parish Food Pantry. See you in the Spring!



**WEEKEND MASSES GIFTS of LOVE**

This is what you put in the baskets on

**December 24, 2017**

1st Collection:	\$13,197.00
Archangel Fund:	\$ 755.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,952.00</b>

**December 31, 2017**

1st Collection:	\$14,803.00
Children's Collection:	\$ 187.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,990.00</b>
Archangel Fund:	\$ 742.00

**New Year's Collection: \$ 1,159.00**

\*\*\*\*\* COMPARED to **December 31, 2016** \*\*\*\*\*

1st Collection: **increase of: \$ 598.00**



**The following people are on the Parish Implementation Team:**

**Jennifer Sidone, Nancy Rhodes, Courtney Renegar, Bill Wowk, and Fr. Gene**

**LUMEN CHRISTI - Cohort 6: Our Lady of Sorrows-St. Anthony, Hamilton • St. John, Allentown • St. Gregory the Great, Hamilton Square • St. Raphael-Holy Angels, Hamilton • St. Vincent de Paul, Yardville.**

**Date: November 15, 2017**

**Those Present:** Joan DeGregory, Dave Larkin,

Tanya Taylor-Norwood, Fr. Gene Daguplo, Nancy Rhodes, Bill Wowk, John Muka, Patrick Stokely

**Important Discussion Items:** After Fr. Gene opened our meeting with a prayer, subcommittee reports were given. Nancy reported on the Education committee who met on Nov. 5 to discuss dates and ways to bring the Pastors, Principals of the 3 (4?) schools together along with several School Board members. A letter will be sent out soon to ask about several possible dates in January to meet with them to discuss ways to work together with programs, resources, speakers etc. in the coming school year, 2018-19. Patrick did suggest that this committee should stay involved with the RCIA programs as the year progresses.

No one from the **Young Adult/Youth** committee was present to report on their progress. As we feel this is a very important part of our Cohort plans, especially with the Young Adult ministry, Tanya has graciously offered to chair this committee and hopefully have some positive results for our next meeting.

**Outreach**, according to John, is moving along. The Food Pantry is doing well but he is somewhat concerned as he was hoping for more participation with Our Lady of Guadeloupe Procession and Mass. He hopes this will help with the Legacy of Life plans in the future.

**Other Business discussed:** We then discussed why many members of this Cohort seem to have lost interest or unable to attend these important meetings to help keep our Faith in Our Future Cohort Goals moving forward. Patrick will reach out to all Pastors and ask if other parish representatives may have the time and interest in helping us in the future. He will also remind our Pastors that they need to give us support - be a positive advocate for us!

The meeting was closed with Prayer by Fr. Gene. **Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 7PM at St. Gregory the Great. Mark your calendars!!** Respectfully submitted, Joan DeGregory.



**ADORATION CANDLE**

**Carmella Riccitiello (living), r/b Nicholas & Ann Persichetti**  
**Carmella Riccitiello (living), r/b Phyllis Imbalzano**

## 2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Preparations for the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal are well underway! We have scheduled the **In-Pew Commitment Weekend for February 17 and 18, 2018.** Please plan to notify your parishioners a couple of weeks prior to the presentation through bulletin inserts.

Kick off Meetings will be held at 4 different locations, one in each county. **For Mercer County, the kick off is scheduled on January 17, at 12 noon –1:30pm, at the Diocesan Chancery.** The purpose of the meetings will be to enjoy a delicious lunch with fabulous people and to discuss the critical evolution of our Annual Catholic Appeal moving forward. View the DVD, and distribute your materials.

Pre-March Pro-Life Mass at St. Robert's Co-Cathedral, Thursday evening, **January 18 at 7:00 pm.**

Participation in the Pro-Life March in Washington, DC itself, **Friday, January 19.**

Post-March Pro-Life Trenton State House Rally Mass at the Cathedral, Monday morning, January 22 at 9:30 am, prior to rally.

## WEDDING ARRANGEMENTS

According to the Common Policy of the five Latin-rite (Roman Catholic) dioceses of New Jersey, there must be twelve months of marriage preparation for each couple who desires to be married in the Church. **Please do not make any wedding arrangements** (including reception hall) **until** you have met with the pastor, and he has approved the wedding date with you.

## MASS while AWAY from HOME

If you are travelling, you can locate a Catholic church by going to **MassTimes.org** or **TheCatholicDirectory.com**. When you enter a zip code or city, you will be given a list of several churches within a certain radius, along with each church's Mass schedule, location, etc. (You will need to wait several seconds, while the website search is being completed.) This is also a good planning tool for when you are preparing for a vacation or business trip. MassTimes.org has an **iPhone app: Mass Time for Travel.**

## OPTIONS OTHER THAN ANNOUNCED MASSES

In addition to Mass intentions, sanctuary candles, and sanctuary flowers, the parish also offers cards for donations "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one (for birthdays, anniversaries, etc.) for the parish Food Pantry and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The amount of the donation is by the choice of the donor. There is no set fee. Cards are available in the parish office during regular business hours.

## WFJS 1260AM - Catholic Radio

Listen to Catholic Matters on WFJS 1260AM every Wednesday at 2:00 pm and Saturday at 10:00 am featuring local host, Patty Staley, for pro-life updates and other critical topics affecting Catholic families. And tune in to Jim Manfredonia, founder and leader of WFJS every Monday through Thursday at 4:00 pm and again at 10:00 pm to stay connected to our Catholic Community in Central NJ.

## FAITH FORMATION

CCD will resume on Wednesday, **January 3rd.** See you in January, and have a Merry Christmas!

**Our Third Summer Family Gathering / Sacramental Preparation Sunday:** We will meet on **Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.** Confirmation students, please remember that the **Saint Report** and the **Sponsor Certification/Letter of Eligibility** is due at this meeting.

**Please Note** there has been a change for the Sacramental Sunday for the **Second Grade.** They will not meet on **Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.** The updated schedule for Second Grade Students Only is as follows: **Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30am to 12:00pm.

**Volunteers are always needed!** Please consider volunteering for our Religious Education Program. We have a wonderful program for Catechists, aides, substitute teachers and Hall monitors. The success of our program is dependent on the willingness of individuals to help out. Volunteering is a rewarding experience to share your faith with our parish youth.

### Faith Formation Office

Deacon Bill Palmisano [bpalmisano@srhap.org](mailto:bpalmisano@srhap.org)

Midge Cassarini [mcassarini@srhap.org](mailto:mcassarini@srhap.org)

Gabriela Gates: [ggates@srhap.org](mailto:ggates@srhap.org)

609-585-0542



The St. Raphael - Holy Angels St. Vincent DePaul Society wants to thank all of you for your donations to our annual new Hat, Scarf and Gloves drive. This year, through your Christian generosity, we collected over 535 pieces of winter accessories. They have been given to our Mount Carmel Guild for distribution to the needy in our area. Once again, thank you so very much and God bless all of you.



## BAPTISMS in DECEMBER

The following children were baptized in our parish last month:

**Ryan Kaminskas, Owen Michael LaTorre,  
Frea Belle Manalo, Hayden Elizabeth Molina,  
Addison Ann Perelli**

Please pray for these newest members of our parish, of the Church of Trenton, and the universal Church.

## PARISH COUNSELING SERVICE

Through a joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton & Catholic Charities, licensed professional counselors are available to help parishioners with difficult issues that interfere with day-to-day functioning. This service can be accessed by contacting your pastor or parish priest who will provide additional information and a referral. The fee is \$75 per session. If needed, financial assistance for short term counseling (maximum of 6 sessions) is available through the Dioceses of Trenton Parish Counseling Service.

## COMMUNION at MASS for the DISABLED

If you would like a minister of Holy Communion to bring Communion to you in your pew or wheelchair, would you or a relative, friend, or other Mass attendee **please contact one of the ushers before Mass**, so that one of the ushers can lead one of the ministers of Communion to you.



**PLEASE ENJOY THIS GIFT FROM  
THE PARISH TO YOU**

**St. Raphael – Holy Angels Parish** has purchased a gift for our parishioners. A free subscription to [formed.org](http://formed.org). This site is an incredible gateway to terrific on line Catholic content. It will allow you to:

- ◇ Prepare for Sunday Mass with a five minute video.
- ◇ Enjoy movies with your family that are entertaining and relevant.
- ◇ Enrich your marriage with the video series *Beloved: Finding happiness in Marriage*.
- ◇ The children will also find interesting content which will help them grow in their faith.

**How do you open your gift?**

- Visit Formed.org with your web browser (internet explorer, google, etc.)
- Click register (lower right of page)
- Enter Parish Code: **Q68NM7** (case sensitive)
- Enter your email and a password and enjoy!

**OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT**

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the **diocesan Abuse Hotlined: 1-888-296-2965** or via e-mail at [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org).

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

**ROSARY for LIFE**

The Rosary for Life will be prayed next **Sunday, January 14th**, after the 11:30 am Mass in St. Raphael Church. Our parish's Respect Life Committee invite you to join in praying for the respect and protection of *all* human life from conception to natural death. All are welcome!

**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next Respect Life meeting is scheduled on **Tuesday, January 9** after the 6:30 pm Mass in the Spiritual Center dining room. If you are interested in promoting the value and dignity of all human life from conception to natural death, you're welcome to attend. We will discuss courses of action and exchange ideas. Deacon Rich Arcari will moderate.

**EVENING of PRAYER – Monday, January 22, 2018**

In observance of the 45th anniversary of *Roe v Wade*, the 1973 US Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion, the **Respect Life Committee of St. Raphael-Holy Angels Parish** invite you to an **EVENING OF PRAYER** on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. **EVENING OF PRAYER** will begin with the 6:30 pm Mass in St. Raphael Church followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Since 1973 **more than 59 million children's lives have been lost to abortion in the US**. Join us in praying for an end to abortion and for the respect and protection of all human life at every stage. Respect life materials and light refreshments will be available in the Narthex.

**Pro-Life**

**Word of Life – January 2018**

"Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. ... Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all."

-USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Every Life is Worth Living" Prayer Card, <https://goo.gl/IF9daj>

**9 DAYS for LIFE**

The US Bishops annual novena **9 Days for Life** takes place **Thursday, January 18 – Friday, January 26**. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!



**New Jersey Right to Life Invites you to Rally for Life!**

**45th Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade US Supreme Court Decision**

**Monday, January 22, 2018 - 10:00 am to approximately 1:00 pm**

**State House Annex (Outside) \*Change in location**

**145 West State Street, Trenton, NJ**

**Pro-Life Leaders, Elected Officials and Clergy Expected to Address Rally**

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING SIGNS. SIGNS WILL BE PROVIDED.** Parking: Metered, on-street parking is available along West State Street. Pay lots are located at the corner of South Warren and Lafayette Streets, and at North Warren and Hanover Streets. Handicap parking is available in the parking garage and on West State Street in front of the State House and Annex and across the street from the State House. Paid parking is also available at Trenton Marriot, One West Lafayette Street, Trenton. Visit [www.NJRTL.org](http://www.NJRTL.org) for information regarding weather and updates. **Prior to the rally Bishop David M. O'Connell will celebrate a Mass for Life at 9:30 am in the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, 151 N. Warren St., Trenton.**

The **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** provides free and confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to anyone in suicidal crisis, emotional distress or those concerned about a loved one. **Talk to someone now 1-800-273-8255.**

**NJ Addiction Services Hotline**

Struggling with an addiction to drugs or alcohol? **Call 1-844-276-2777 for the Addictions Hotline** which can provide information and referral to substance abuse treatment agencies throughout NJ. Confidential and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To access the "Novena to St. Joseph: For Those on the Path of Adoption" visit [www.goo.gl/dv7Dn2](http://www.goo.gl/dv7Dn2)

**HELP AFTER AN ABORTION**

**Rachel's Vineyard-24 hour: 1-877-467-3463 or**

[www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

**National Helpline for Abortion Recovery-24 hour:**

1-866-482-LIFE (5433) - [www.nationalhelpline.org](http://www.nationalhelpline.org)

**Diocese of Trenton Project Rachel—609-406-7435**

**Nat'l Office of Post Abortion Reconciliation/Healing:**

800-5-WE CARE - [www.noparh.org](http://www.noparh.org)

**Abortion Recovery InterNational:**

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## "Saintly Stories"

### (The Good News from Saint Raphael School)

#### HONOR ROLL - 2017 - 2018: Trimester I

These students have earned no grade lower than an **85%** in their **academic subjects** and no grade lower than a **3** in their **Enrichment classes**.

##### GRADE 6

Elena Abreu  
Gabriella Awuah  
Siena Brachelli  
Giulia Ciccone  
Tiari Gonzalez  
Hailey Gray  
Owen Jacobsen

Megan Kelly  
Emily Klena  
Sophia Komjati  
Nicole Ola  
Gabriela Pasqualone  
GianLuca Pugliese  
Mason Zsenak

##### GRADE 7

John Paul Colter  
Shanedore Jones  
Sophia McNamara

Mark Meara  
Jadyn Toleno  
Edem Tweneboah

##### GRADE 8

Nora Conboy  
Christian Figueroa  
Christina Gorman  
Jayson Jenkins  
Jessica Lawrence  
Drew Lennon  
Tadhg Pender  
Christine Senat  
James Shannon  
Elorm Tweneboah  
Nicole Villalta-Barrantes

#### FIRST HONORS - 2017 - 2018: Trimester I

These students have earned no grade lower than a **93%** in their **academic subjects** and no grade lower than a **3** in their **Enrichment classes**.

##### GRADE 6

Nina Abrams  
Julian Anderson  
Marlaina Clugston  
Elizabeth Gorman  
Mikaela Miranda  
Chelsea Ramil  
Dominic Spoto  
John White

##### GRADE 7

Ian Huizer  
Erin Nezezon  
Declan Yasick

##### GRADE 8

Nicholas Hollendonner  
Gemma Hutton  
Gabrielle Steber  
Kathleen Vernon  
Hannah Worrell

**We congratulate these students on this accomplishment !**

The **Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated in our parish on (usually) the first, third, and fourth Sunday of each month (except Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, and the solemnities of the Nativity of the Lord and of Mary the Holy Mother of God). The first and third Sunday are at 1:00 (in St. Raphael Church). The fourth Sunday is during the 11:30 Mass. *Before the parish office can schedule a date for baptism*, the child's parents must give us the sponsor-eligibility certificate for either (a) the intended godparent or (b) one of the two intended godparents (if there are to be two godparents, i.e., a godfather and a godmother, with the second godparent's certificate to be presented by the Monday preceding the baptism). (The sponsor certificate certifies that the intended godparent is a Catholic who meets the requirements to be a sponsor.) To facilitate this process, you may wish to call the parish office around four or five months before your unborn child's due date. (Please do not reserve a restaurant, until after you have booked the baptism date with the parish office.) Please feel free to contact our parish's part-time, baptism coordinator, Mrs. Alice Bolton, in the parish office.

#### SCRIP CARDS

Scrip cards will now **ONLY BE SOLD** from **Monday to Friday**, from **9:00 am to 4:00 pm**. **NO** scrip cards will be sold on Saturday.

Scrip cards will be available for sale on **Hospitality Sunday, January 7th** after the **9:30 Mass**. If you would like to pre order, please contact Eileen Garretson at **609-658-8473**. Regular Scrip card hours are **Monday to Friday**, from **9:00 am to 4:00 pm**. **NO** scrip cards will be sold on Saturday. **Local participating businesses are: Brothers Pizza on Rt. 33, Rossi's Bar & Grill, Amari's Pizzeria, DiModa Salon & Spa, Rossi Barber's, Royal Nails/Magestic Nails, Foley's and Broad Street Diner.** These local businesses participate because they wish to help our parish and school. Please keep these businesses in mind when making purchases when you can, as they are **generously donating money back to us!**

#### Dear Saint Raphael School Parents and Parishioners:

Are you interested in meeting fellow parents and parishioners and becoming more involved in our community? If so, Saint Raphael School would appreciate your help. We are currently looking to fill openings on the following committees & sub-committees. **Building & Grounds:** If you enjoy planting and caring for flowers and plants we welcome your help to beautify our school and parish grounds. **Strategic Planning:** If you have interest and/or expertise in strategic planning we welcome your help as we embark on an updated strategic plan for the school. **Marketing:** If you have expertise in marketing and/or public relations or would just like to help spread the word about our school, we welcome your help. If you would like to help or have any questions please contact me at [jerry.delena@srsnj.org](mailto:jerry.delena@srsnj.org) or contact the school office @ 585-7733 and I will get back to you ASAP. Thank you for helping Saint Raphael School. Jerry DeLena, SRS School Board Chairperson.

When you update your Last Will and Testament, please consider including a bequest to your parish. Our corporate name is "The Church of St. Raphael-Holy Angels, Hamilton, NJ."

#### JUNIOR LEGION of MARY



The Junior Legion of Mary resumes their meeting when school opens in September on **every Wednesday**, at **3:00 pm** in the parish center. Mrs. Louise Ferrara (609-586-8153) with the assistance of Judith Dallariss (609-588-5655) will preside at the meeting.



#### FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT

**7:00 -- Doors Open**

**7:30 -- Rosary Begins**

*Saint Raphael School All Purpose Room*

**Please enter through main school doors and into the basement.**

Warmly welcome all parishioners and school families of all ages to join us to pray the rosary on the following dates:

\* February 2

\* April 6

\* March 2

\* May 4

\* June 1

# FOOD PANTRY

As we start the new year, we can only pray and hope that many of our past clients will get back on their feet and have adequate food instead of coming to our food pantry. We will have food for those in need through the generosity of our donors.

## The schedule for "Reach Out Saturdays" for 2018 follows:

Jan. 6	May 12	Sept. 1
Jan. 20	May 26	Sept. 15
Feb. 3	June 9	Sept. 29
Feb. 17	June 23	Oct. 13
March 3	July 7	Oct. 27
March 17 [Easter Distrib.]	July 21	Nov. 17 [Thanksgiving Distrib.]
April 7	Aug. 4	Dec. 1
April 28	Aug. 18	Dec. 15 [Christmas Distrib.]
		Dec. 29

Thank you all for your food and monetary donations and for your prayers for our clients and volunteers.

**We need paper bags.** Thank you for your past donations.

Next "Reach Out Saturday" - **January 20**  
9:00 am - 11:00 am, Parish Center

# SOCIAL CONCERNS

**Help Needed.** As we begin a new year, we hope you will consider volunteering at an upcoming Social Concerns event. Remember, volunteering once does not commit you to volunteer every time. First-timers are always welcome, and we can never have too many helpers.

## NURSING HOME

**Tuesday, January 9, 6:15-8 pm.** Please join us for our Keep Warm Bingo for the residents of Hamilton Grove Healthcare. Our main prizes will be beautiful afghans and lap robes crocheted and quilted by our wonderful parishioners. Meet on the second floor of the main building, which is located on Hamilton Avenue near the intersection of Klockner. Some of the group usually goes out for a snack afterwards and all interested volunteers are cordially invited.

## TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN

Our next serving date at TASK is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 31, 2018.**

**Adult Education Program.** If you have 1 1/2 hours to spend (either morning or afternoon), on one or more days a week, you are encouraged to consider becoming a tutor with the one-on-one adult education program at TASK. No special education is required. All students have workbooks related to their needs. Tutors supply guidance and encouragement. It is a jointly rewarding experience.

**Please call Kathy Wooley at 609-585-4307, if you want more information about the above or if you have a suggestion for another activity.**

## ST. RAPHAEL-HOLY ANGELS SPORTS ASSOCIATION

The Sports Association **website** has participation forms, schedules, **contact information**, and updates. On the "Contact" page are the phone number and e-mail address of our parish's volunteer athletic director, Brian Sakowski. Please visit the website, **www.srhasports.com**, and check us out!

## JOIN the HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The Hospitality Committee is looking for more volunteers to help out. The first Sunday of each month we serve bagels, donuts, coffee, etc. in St. Raphael Church. Opportunities avail at St. Raphael after the 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses. Pick the time that works best for you. For more information, call Trish Teague at 609-424-7444.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

St. Lawrence Rehabilitation Center is looking for adult volunteers to escort wheelchair patients to therapy departments within the center. The following shifts are available:

- ◆ **Tuesday afternoons**, 12:30 to 4:00
  - ◆ **Wednesday mornings**, 8:30 to 12:30; **afternoons**, 12:30 to 4:00
  - ◆ **Thursday mornings**, 8:30 to 12:30; **afternoons**, 12:30 to 4:00
- Please call 609-896-9500, ext. 2430 for more information or go to [www.slrc.org](http://www.slrc.org) and click on the "Volunteer" tab to view information about volunteering at St. Lawrence, including a downloadable Volunteer Application. St. Lawrence Rehabilitation Center, 2381 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648



## SOCIETY of SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

### Scripture Reflection

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi finds the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul envelope so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a family and children in need.

For more information about our parish's conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the programs that reach out to those in need, please call the parish office at 609-585-7049.

**NEW UPDATED PARISH WEBSITE. VISIT IT REGULARLY. IN THE SEARCH ENGINE, TYPE: [srhap.org](http://srhap.org)**

## PRAY for those in MILITARY SERVICE

Army Chief Warrant Officer Michael Polyak, Iraq; Petty Officer Ryan Bucchi; Carl Vinson; Father Patrick McPartland, USN (Chaplain Corps); Staff Sgt. Shawn Beaver, USAF (Turkey); MK3 Samantha Williams-Gabris, USCG; HM3 (SW) Gerritt W. Furda, USNS Comfort



## KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS -- FREE THROW COMPETITION

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local competition for the 2018 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. **Monday, January 15** (Martin Luther King Day) from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, at Our Lady of Sorrows School Gymnasium in Mercerville. Registration, including proof of age is required at the time of the event. For more information, please call Sal Petro at 609-743-1535.

## ST. MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH -- SLAVIC DINNER

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church will have its monthly Slavic Dinner on **Wednesday, January 10, 2018, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**, in the St. Mary Parish Center, 1900 Brooks Boulevard, Hillsborough. **The cost is \$18.00** for adults (ages 9 and up) and \$5.00 for children (8 and under) and includes all you can eat pierogi, stuffed cabbage, kielbasa and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, salad, dessert and beverage. Dinners are held on the second Wednesday of every month throughout the year. Orders to go are available. For more information, contact: St. Mary's at 908-725-0615. The **February dinner** will be held on **Wednesday, February 8.**



# MARANATHA !

## HEART OF GOD

It seems to be going so quickly this year (or do we say that every year?) With Thanksgiving only just over we are already looking towards the Christmas season and so, it is not shocking to hear people say, "Where is the time going?" St. Paul reminds us that for The Lord, "a day is like a thousand years" (and vice versa). He reminds us of the difference between Kairos and Chronos. Because we generally exist in Chronos (sequential time), we tend to allow for abuses such as procrastination, tardiness, lethargy etc. but in Kairos ('Gods Time') there is no room for such abuses. St Paul tells us, we must wait for the coming of the new heaven and new earth and be eager to be found without blemish and at peace. In Kairos we cannot afford to procrastinate, we must grow in virtue today, we must repent, and we must commit to these things and allow His grace to change us! There are parallels throughout our readings between God and us, Heaven and earth, time and timelessness. Advent is a great time for change. As a season it affords us a little time to repent, to convert, to wait and to prepare. But what are we waiting for? What are we preparing for? We are waiting to receive the coming of The King of Glory. As a youth minister I often ask the teens I minister to if they are outwardly Christian or inwardly Christian, if the manifestation of their faith lives are resplendent throughout their daily lives and not simply in their Life Teen lives. We know how difficult it is to be an evangelist and how we are all given different gifts. Yet one way for all of us to measure our evangelization skills is to view our face book posts. How do we look in the photos we post, how do we dress, what message are we sending? True Repentance means turning away from the world and even away from ourselves. We can follow the example of the saints and be reminded that our life is not simply about us, it is a gift from God, given that we might love Him and our neighbor. True repentance is about love and that means patient, selfless, humble acts of love throughout the course of our daily timelines, so that we might enjoy our blessed inheritance in when He comes for us....in His Time .

### VOLUNTEERS/CORE MEMBERS

Do you have a heart for God and a heart for teens? As we prepare to enter our 13th year of leading teens closer to Christ we are now accepting applications for the following areas. Peer Leaders aged 18-21, Core Group Member 21+, any parents that can help with food and life night support and spiritual and financial benefactors. Life Teen exists at St Raphael, Holy Angels without a budget and is constantly putting on events for between 30-50 people every week. Core members are the backbone of our ministry, without a strong core team, nothing happens. From setting up environments to giving talks, leading groups and building ongoing relationships with our teens and their parents, Core members take on a major role in Life teens vision of "leading teens closer to Christ", so if you want to find out more please do not hesitate to contact **Gez, (the Youth Minister)** at 609 456 8857 or via email at [gezemiah@gmail.com](mailto:gezemiah@gmail.com) For Parents interested in praying together, helping and/or serving their teens in the following ways...Viewing each life night beforehand so as to continue the formation with your child throughout the week. Donations of time, talent, prayers and cash are always gratefully accepted. There are too many ways in which you can help us but for more details please contact **Nadine** at 609 456 8862 or at [mrsqford@gmail.com](mailto:mrsqford@gmail.com).

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## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SIGN-UP FORM

*To become an Adorer, please call John Margicin, in the Chapel Office (609-585-3848), or drop off the sign-up form at the Chapel.*

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\_\_\_\_\_ Evening (6pm to midnight)

\_\_\_\_\_ Night (midnight to 6am)

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## MUSIC MINISTRY

Our Christmas season officially ends on Monday, 1/8, with the Baptism of the Lord and Ordinary Time begins. I would like to thank all the members of the Music Ministry for their efforts in bringing the joy and beauty of the Christmas season, through song, to our parish community.

Today we celebrate the Epiphany. We hear about the three Wise Men who came searching for the child Jesus. When we seek the Lord, do we look for Him reflected in others around us? Do we search for Him within our very selves as people baptized in the Holy Spirit?

### We pray:

Lord Jesus,

You are with us always; may I never ignore Your Love.

You are here to guide me; please come and get me if I walk away.

You are present in those I meet in passing; may I notice those in need.

You know me inside and out; I give You thanks for loving me anyway.

You are with me in times of turmoil; may I find peace in the certainty of Your care.

You understand the pain of loss; please increase my faith when I feel abandoned or afraid.

You encourage me; may I listen to Your voice in prayer.

To You I offer all of me.

Amen.

Have a blessed week!

### ATTENTION: ALL ADORERS

Adorers committed to one hour per week are needed:

**The following hours need immediate coverage:**

**Fri. 10pm; SAT. 5pm; SUN. 7am, 4pm, 5pm**

**Come visit Jesus in the chapel and ask Him to guide us in this new year.**

### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., 1/8	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9b-10; Mk 1:7-11
Tues., 1/9	1 Sm 1:9-20 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Mk 1:21-28
Wed., 1/10	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2-5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thu., 1/11	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 25-26; Mk 1:40-45
Fri., 1/12	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10:22a; Ps 89:16-19
Sat., 1/13	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sun. 1/14	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20, Jn 1:35-42

### SAINTS of the WEEK

**Saturday, 1/13 - St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church** - "He by whom man was made had nothing to gain by becoming man; it was our gain that God was incarnate and dwelt among us, making all flesh His home by taking upon Him the flesh of one. We were raised because He was lowered; shame to Him was glory to us."

(For LifeTeen events, see page 9.)

### THIS WEEK IN ST. RAPHAEL - HOLY ANGELS PARISH

Sun., 1/7:	Hospitality Sunday (after the morning Masses)		
Mon., 1/8:	Miraculous Medal Novena (weekly)	St. Raphael Church	6:15 PM
Mon., 1/8:	Bingo	Parish Ctr. (doors open 6 PM)	7:30 PM
Tues., 1/9:	Contemporary Ensemble	St. Raphael Church	7:15 - 8:45 PM
Tues., 1/9:	Pray and Play Prayer Group (weekly)	St. John Paul II Spiritual Ctr.	8:30 AM
Wed., 1/10:	Youth Choir (W4Y)	St. Raphael Church	3:00 - 4:00 PM
Wed., 1/10:	W4Y Youth Choir (grades K-8)	St. Raphael Church	5:00 - 6:15 PM
Wed., 1/10:	Divine Mercy Chaplet (weekly)	St. Raphael Church	8:00 AM
Thurs., 1/11:	Youth Choir (W4Y)	St. Raphael Church	3:00 - 4:00 PM
Thurs., 1/11:	Handbells	St. Raphael Church	5:00 - 6:15 PM
Thurs., 1/11:	Adult Choir	St. Raphael Church	7:15 - 8:45 PM
Thurs., 1/11:	Jesus, Our Good Shepherd Prayer Group (weekly)	Fr. Emmons Conf. Room.....	7:00 - 8:30 PM
Fri., 1/12:	BINGO	Parish Ctr. (doors open 6 PM)	7:30 PM

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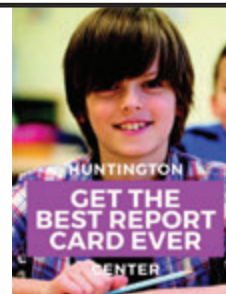
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