



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel St. Ann Parish

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## LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m.

## DAILY MASS

Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m.

## HOLYDAY MASSES

Vigil: 7:00 p.m.  
Holyday: 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. or by private appointment.

## PASTORAL STAFF

Msgr. F. Stephen Pedone, Pastor  
Rev. Jesus Martinez, Associate Pastor  
Most Rev. George E. Rueger, in residence  
Deacon Gerry Montiverdi, Part-time Liturgical Assistant.

## PARISH OFFICES AND STAFF

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## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents and Godparents must attend the Baptismal instruction session before the Baptism is celebrated. These sessions take place on the First Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Community baptisms are celebrated on the third Sunday of every month after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Private baptisms may also be arranged by calling the parish office.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

To prepare for this lifelong commitment, couples must begin marriage preparation twelve months before the proposed wedding date, according to the diocesan policy.

## FAITH FORMATION

The Religious Education Program offers instruction to children and young people from Grade One through the high school years. Children are prepared for the reception of First Reconciliation and then First Holy Communion and young people for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in high school, including those who attend Catholic schools. Rel. Ed. Office: 508-791-6139.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

This process of sharing faith stories and studying the Bible and the teachings of the Church is open to anyone who is in need of receiving any one or all of the Sacraments of Initiation. -Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation or to anyone who wishes to enter into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

## FAITH FORMATION TEAM

Mrs. Joan D'Argenis Director of Religious Education  
Maria Sciannameo RCIA Director

## LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTRY

Mr. Scott Olson, Organist  
Mr. Michael Garceau, Organist/Wedding Ministry

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council meets on the third Tuesday of every month. The Council is committed to assisting the pastor in various liturgical celebrations and parochial and diocesan fundraisers and to pursuing its own charitable endeavors.

## ORGANIZATIONS

Guild of Our Lady of Sorrows  
Beato Angelo D'Acri Society  
The Gene J. DeFeudis Italian Cultural Center  
Mt. Carmel Golden Years Club

## PRO-LIFE CONTACTS

Pro-Life Office, Mrs. Allison LeDoux: 508-929-4311  
Respect Life Parish Representative: Louise Faiola: 508-756-1150  
Visitation House: 508-798-0762  
Problem Pregnancy: 888-310-7217

## ILLNESS

Arrangements can be made to have Holy Communion brought those who are homebound due to illness, age, or impairment of any kind or to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing and Reconciliation with them. Please notify the parish office with the necessary information.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

To become a registered member of the parish, please call the office. One of the secretaries will gladly assist anyone and complete the registration over the phone or through the website.

## REPORTING THE ABUSE OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

To report the abuse of a child or a teenager, please contact Mrs. Frances Nugent, Director of the Diocesan Office of Healing and Prevention at 508-791-7171. You may also call Gloria Caprioli, our parish coordinator for prevention and education, at 508-344-7718. Lastly, you may call Msgr. F. Pedone at 774-243-1154.

**WEEKEND COLLECTION  
8/22/2015 & 8/23/2015**

4:00 PM Mass	\$580.00
8:00 AM Mass	\$842.00
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,620.00
Shared Envelopes	\$125.00
Total Mass Collections	<u>\$3,167.00</u>
Special Collections:	
Weekend Envelopes –mailed in	\$1,098.00
Children’s Envelopes	.70
Assumption	\$32.00
Ecumenical Council	\$5.00
Churches in Eastern Europe	\$10.00
Catholic Schools Appeal	\$5.00
World Mission Sunday	\$5.00
All Souls	\$25.00
Capital Campaign	\$80.00
On-Line Giving	\$282.50
Candle Offering	\$110.00
Total	<u>\$1,653.20</u>
Restricted Funds	\$100.00
Unrestricted Funds	<u>\$4,720.20</u>
Total	<u>\$4,820.20</u>

The Finance Committee has determined that we need to collect \$9,400 each week to meet our current expenses. Thank you for your continued support of Our Lady of Mount Carmel-St. Ann parish.

**TRIP TO SOUTHERN ITALY AND SICILY –  
MAY 12-23, 2016**

You are invited to join us on this beautiful trip to southern Italy and Sicily, featuring Taormina, Alberobello, and the Amalfi coast. The trip is being organized through AAA Travel and Collette Tours. It will be an enjoyable trip at a reasonable cost. Seating is limited. Informational packets are available at the entrances to the church. You may also call Linda Burke at 508-853-7000 x3324 for more information. Informational brochures are located at the entrances to the church.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup> AT 6:00 PM  
IN THE CENTER.**

**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Be doers of the word and not hearers only...” (JAMES 1:22) What do you do to live God’s word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

**FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK**

Dear Friends,

Wasn't it a great Italian festival last weekend! It was wonderful to see old friends and to make new ones. What made me very happy was to watch people have a good time. I am so grateful to Nick Maruca and Jonelle Garofoli, co-chairs for this event, and so many others who worked as members of the Parish Festival Committee to organize and promote this event. So many people pitched in to make this event such a great success and worked very hard at the various booths setting up, selling and then cleaning up at the end of the festival. I've heard a great deal of positive feedback. Thanks be to God for the good weather He provided! This event gave us a opportunity to come together to celebrate our Catholic faith and our Italian heritage. We've already started planning for next year.

Also, thank you to Sylvia Pusateri and the members of the choir for their contribution to the beautiful Mass, to Bishop McManus for celebrating and preaching, and to the Knights of Columbus for their participation.

Many thanks to all who attended and supported this event! May the Lord Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother protect and watch over you.

Monsignor Pedone

**PARISH BULLETIN**

Beginning next weekend, our parish bulletin and Our Lady of Loreto parish bulletin will be published together. That way the people of both parishes will be aware of the events of both churches.

**PARISH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Congratulations to Gianna Duncan, daughter of Earl and Marguerite Duncan, and Isabella DePasquale, daughter of Mauro and Tracy DePasquale, this year's recipients of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel-St. Ann Parish Scholarships! Each scholarship was for \$500. These scholarships were made possible by a special fund established by Monsignor Gicchino Maffei, the founding pastor of our parish, and further endowed by Rev. John J. Capuano and Attorney Mary Italiano. If you wish to contribute to this fund, please see Monsignor Pedone.

**PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS**

Beginning this week, the parish center office will return to its normal schedule and be open Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.



# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 29, 2015—4:00 p.m.

**Matthew and Rita Giorgio Ryan, Sr.** by Family

Sunday, August 30, 2015—8:00 a.m.

**Patsy, Mary and Maria Sacco** by Family  
**Beverly Sacco** by Lillian, Lisa and Gianna

Sunday, August 30, 2015—10:00 a.m.

**John D. Cariglia** by wife Miranda and Children  
**Giuseppe Santangelo** by Wife Marzia

Sunday, August 30, 2015—11:30 a.m.

**Salerno Marco and Cafaro Vincenza** by Son and Family  
**San Vitaliano Mass**

Monday, August 31, 2015—7:00 a.m.

**Joseph DiLeo** (Month's Mind) by Family

Tuesday, September 1, 2015—7:00 a.m.

**Joseph DiLeo** by John Evangelista

Wednesday, September 2, 2015—7:00 a.m.

**Alan Marzilli** by a Friend

Thursday, September 3, 2015—7:00 a.m.

**The Sick of the Parish**

Friday, September 4, 2015—7:00 a.m.

**Arthur and Barbara Losapio** by Children

Saturday, September 5, 2015—4:00 p.m.

**Angelo and Mary Mero** by John Mero

Sunday, September 6, 2015—8:00 a.m.

**Lucia Piarulli** by Nickie Sasso  
**Albert Mari** by Frank Valenti

Sunday, September 7, 2015—10:00 a.m.

**Silvio & Dominico Picirillo** by Carmen and Esther Lonardo  
**Armando Picirillo** (Month's Mind) by Carmen and Esther Lonardo

Sunday, September 7, 2015—11:30 a.m.

**Ianotta Giuseppe and Cionti Goivanni** by sister-in-law  
**Frederico Tantoco** by the Ortiz Family

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL-ST. ANN PARISH IN YOUR WILLS, BEQUESTS, YOUR ESTATE PLANNING AND UPON THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE.  
MANY THANKS!



**Please pray for the sick of our parish:** Anna Perro, Francis Caffone, Susan Stomski, Donna Grasseschi, Lena Sbrogna, Lori Blackwell, Carmella Szklarz, Matteo Fiore, Matthew Hicks, Henry Penny, Patrick Loconto, Eleanor Lupisella, Butch Rano, Mary O'Connor, Christina Rovezzi, Christopher Collazo, Eleanor Gaudenzi, Eileen Biziewski, Patricia Naples, Paula Mari, Sim Simone, Cathy Coffey, Mary Ciuffredo, Mildred Bassan, Vincent Pusateri, Debbie Caffone, Carol Youngstrom, Juana E. Pignataro, Joseph Lapomardo, Joseph Ginskus and Philip Powers. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.



## THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY LAMPS ARE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF:

**Vera Sbrogna**  
by Husband, Gus

and

**Joan Moreschi**  
By Caryl Masiello

## WOMEN'S GUILD

For years we had a Women's Guild here at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. It was extremely active. But, like so many other groups, their members, grew older and eventually it slowly ended. I spoke with Msgr. Pedone and he has given his ok to start the Guild up again in the fall. The Women's Guild with faith, prayer, knowledge and concern, helps build community through friendship, spiritual reflection, mutual support and support to those in need. Let us step up to the plate and make this happen once again as our grandmothers and mothers have done in the past. **Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m.**

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL – ST. ANN  
GOLDEN YEARS CLUB**

**Program for the Month September 2015**

**September 1, 2015**

10:00 A.M. Socializing  
12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social.

**September 8, 2015**

No Golden Years - Elections

**September 15, 2015**

9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. VNA “Keep Well Clinic” – Blood Pressure and Flu Shots – Please bring all medical cards.  
10:00 A.M. Socializing  
12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social.

**September, 22, 2015**

10:00 A.M. Socializing  
12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social.

**September, 29, 2015**

10:00 A.M. Socializing  
12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social.

**REMINDER --- PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING FOOD FOR THE POOR --- FOOD FOR OUR FOOD BANK---DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK HAVE BEEN VERY LOW---IF MEMBERS DONATE ONE ITEM EVERY TUESDAY FOR THE FOOD BANK IT WILL BE VERY HELPFUL.**

**FLU CLINIC**

VNA Care Network will provide a flu clinic and Keep Well/Blood Pressure Clinic on **Tuesday, September 15 from 9-11 a.m.** in the parish center. Please bring your insurance and Medicare cards.

End of Summer Celebration - Car Wash and Lemonade Stand - **Sunday, September 20th from 8:30 - 12:30 p.m.** We are looking for donations of baked goods for our Lemonade Stand

**CAR WASH**  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel  
**Sunday, September 20, 2015**  
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
**\$5.00**



All Proceeds goes toward Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Youth Programs

**WORCESTER COLUMBUS DAY PARADE  
NEWS UPDATE**

**Program booklet** deadline is August 31. Place and **AD** and send a congratulatory message to Henry Camosse-2015 Grand Marshal &/or Worcester Columbus Day Parade Committee. **Tickets are NOW ON SALE** for the “Outstanding Italian” banquet in honor of 2015 Grand Marshal, Henry Camosse Jr. Saturday, September 19, 6:00 pm Cocktails-7:30 pm dinner. Entertainment by: JAZZED UP. **Donation is \$45/pp.** For tickets call: (508) 791-4230 or (508) 868-2589 **Worcester Columbus Day Parade** applications are now being accepted. Visit our website for an application [www.worcestercolumbusdayparade.com](http://www.worcestercolumbusdayparade.com) . **All proceeds fund the Worcester Columbus Day Parade, on Sunday, October 11, 2015, 12:30 pm. Worcester Columbus Day Parade Committee** is a 501(c)3 organization. Your donation is tax deductible. **Support the parade.**

The Diocese of Worcester Presents: "A Cursillo Day Of Renewal -- Love Your Catholic Faith" on Sat., Oct. 3rd from 10:00am-3:30pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Hall, 28 Mulberry Street, Worcester. We are featuring two dynamic & inspirational speakers, music, lunch & raffles! Tickets are \$15 before 9/21 and \$20 after. ALL ARE WELCOME!! To purchase tickets and/or for more information, contact Dave Tittle at [774-230-3502](tel:774-230-3502) or at [dtsoulseeker@gmail.com](mailto:dtsoulseeker@gmail.com).

**WHITE CHRISTMAS**

Two World War II vets have become partners in a song-and-dance act after the war. Looking for love, they follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters to a gig at a Vermont lodge, which happens to be owned by their former army commander General Waverly. Wednesday, December 9 in Providence show is at 7:00 p.m. we will leave at 4:30 p.m. Dinner is on your own. There are some nice restaurants in the area. Cost - \$55.00 includes ticket

**NEWPORT PLAYHOUSE**

Dinner Show and Cabaret  
Saturday – October 3  
**The Odd Couple**  
Cost - \$65.00 includes bus, show and dinner

**PARISH FOOD PANTRY**

Through your generosity, we are able to help families in our local area with food. Please drop off food items in the white cart in the rear of the church. Your donations make a big difference to some one who is hungry. Many thanks!

**CYC WELCOME COOKOUT**

On **Tuesday, September 8** beginning at 6:00 p.m. our present CYC will host a "Welcome Cookout" All young people in grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> (old and new) and their parents are cordially and sincerely invited to come to this cookout. The CYC will provide the hotdogs. If you would like to attend please call 508-791-6139 in advance so that we may get a head count and plan the food. Also new and old members are asked to bring potluck dishes for example, salads, casseroles, desserts, etc. Come and find out what CYC is all about. Again, WELCOME!!!!

**BIBLE STUDY**

Our Bible study will begin on **September 30 at 1:00 p.m.** . . . and before we begin the prophet Isaiah, we shall read the work of a modern prophet, Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter, *Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home*.

*In the heart of this world, the Lord of life, who loves us so much, is always present. He does not abandon us, he does not leave us alone, for he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward. Praise be to him!* Pope Francis, *Laudato Si* In his second encyclical, **Laudato Si : On Care of Our Common Home**, Pope Francis draws all Christians into a dialogue with every person on the planet about our common home. We as human beings are united by the concern for our planet, and every living thing that dwells on it, especially the poorest and most vulnerable. Pope Francis letter joins the body of the Church's social and moral teaching, draws on the best scientific research, providing the foundation for the ethical and spiritual itinerary that follows. **Laudato Si** outlines:

- The current state of our common home
  - The Gospel message as seen through creation
  - The human causes of the ecological crisis
  - Ecology and the common good
- Pope Francis' call to action for each of us

**ITALIAN CLASSES**

This semester we are offering three levels of classes for adults. Italian for Beginners 1, this class is intended for people who have had no exposure to Italian. A Beginner 11 is intended for those who have completed Beginners 1 and are not ready of Intermediate. Intermediate Italian for those that have completed Beginners Italian I and II. Beginners 1 will be offered on Tuesday, Intermediate will be held on Thursday, Beginners 11 will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$130.00 non-members and \$100.00 members of The Gene J. DeFeudis Italian American Cultural Center. Classes run for ten weeks and will begin the week of September 15. For more information email Joan at [joan\\_dargenis@yahoo.com](mailto:joan_dargenis@yahoo.com)

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION**

Children in public schools or non-Catholic private schools and academics should be attending religious education classes on a yearly basis. Children planning on receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion **must** attend classes for two years (Grade 1 and Grade 2.) Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation **must** attend classes for two years (Grade 9 and Grade 10.) Children in parochial schools and private Catholic schools are required to attend classes only for one year (the year of preparation.) First Holy Communion is usually received in Grade 2 and Confirmation in Grades 9 or above. Registration forms are available in the office at the Parish Center, Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**CCD SCHEDULE**

Classes will begin on **Sunday, September 27**. Grades Pre-K through Grade 6 will meet on Sunday mornings from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. and includes attendance at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Parents are asked to attend Mass with their children. Attendance in the pre-K and Kindergarten are not mandatory. Grades 7 – 10 will meet on Sunday mornings from 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Students are required to attend Mass, it is suggested that they attend the 10:00 a.m. Mass. **CCD**

**TEACHERS MEETING**

CCD Teacher's Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m.** This meeting is intended for all teachers, veteran and new. Please make every effort to attend so that we can make 2015 an exciting and productive year.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENTS MEETING**

There are two meeting scheduled for parents on Sunday, **September 27 at 8:45 a.m.** for parents of children in grades K – 6. 11:15 a.m. for parents of students in Grades 7 – 10. This is our first week of CCD classes; students will attend class while parents attend the meetings. These meetings are important, for they will include a description of the programs and will include discussions on the reception of the Sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, September 27** from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Pancakes, sausage, and juice - \$4.00



## TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2015

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Put love in the balance**

Church law is to be studied so as to be understood, and considered so as to be integrated into daily life. But the law that supersedes all other laws is love of God and love of neighbor. We must weigh every act in light of God's law of love. Keep your conscience well informed by sacred reading, listening, praying, and taking in all of life so that you will be able to determine where love resides on every issue.

*TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (125). "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders?"*

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

**Come together**

Everyone likes to think they're special. And indeed, everyone is. But not more so than anyone else. All of humanity is saved by Christ. As Pope Francis says, "The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us, with the Blood of Christ; all of us, not just Catholics." This teaching is nothing new in the church; it's been spoken by popes, saints, and apostles for 2,000 years. Whether a person believes in the Good News or not, the Holy Father says, ". . . do good! We shall meet there."

*TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30 (431). ". . . we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words."*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

**For everything there is a season**

For many, this time of year, when summer ends and school begins, feels more like the beginning of a new year than January 1. In fact, Jews and Muslims celebrate their new years in late summer/early fall. But it's Ordinary Time in the Catholic liturgical calendar, and as summer fun winds down and you get back to "ordinary" life, remember to take time to reflect and seek spiritual renewal with the changing season. Cooler weather and shorter days are conducive to turning inward; cultivate light and warmth in your heart.

*TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37 (432). ". . . you are children of the light and children of the day."*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

**Faith comes first**

A major part of Jesus' active ministry was as a healer. Those who came to him had faith that he could heal them; they believed in his power and were changed because of it. Scripture scholar Father Donald Senior, C.P. writes, "If there was faith, then the miracle had already begun: the miracle of a transformed life . . . physical cures were simply dramatic illustrations of the fundamental restoration Jesus worked in everyone whom he touched and who believed in him." Faith drew people to Jesus for healing, not the other way around. Believing opens your life to God and allows for transformation that's nothing short of miraculous.

*TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44 (433). "I trust in the mercy of God forever."*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

FEAST OF GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

**Noblesse oblige**

According to Luke's gospel, "much will be required of the person entrusted with much," and much was certainly given to and by Pope Saint Gregory the Great. Gregory was born in sixth-century Rome into a wealthy, high-ranking family. He had the best education and was an excellent student. He was surrounded by strong religious influences; his mother and two aunts became saints. And he applied his blessings to making his chaotic world a better place with his many accomplishments. What have you been given that can be given back in service?

*TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11 (434). "You may be filled with the knowledge of God's will . . . to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, so as to be fully pleasing, in every good work bearing fruit . . ."*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

**Give God a smile**

Here's a simple challenge: Smile when you receive Communion. Many of us find that hard to do. Why? Because we are aware that we are sinners; we know that the Lord is mighty and wondrous, and we are not. But, if we truly trust in the Lord's promise, we know that we are loved and showered with mercy. We believe that in every misstep we make, the Lord is there to help us back on the path of love. That is the promise of the Eucharist: that God is with us, ever present, ever available to us. And so, we have every right to put on a happy face. In fact, as today's responsorial psalm reminds us, it is our sacred duty to "come with joy into the presence of the Lord."

*TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39 (435). "Can you make the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?"*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

**Rest with God**

The Sabbath is a concept that traces its origins back to the story of creation in the Book of Genesis. On the seventh day, God rested. This act shows that rest has a part to play in the work of creation. As Christians, we are called to take time each week to, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it, "rest in God." We pause so we can be rejuvenated. We acknowledge the holiness of each day. We worship and witness to a God whose work is never done. And we realize that each day is a call to be co-creators with our God.

*TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5 (436). "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."*

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