

St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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PASTOR
Rev. Paul M. Williams, OFM
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DEACON
Deacon Robert J. Cousar

Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 10 am - 3 pm
Friday, 10am - 1pm

Parish Secretary: parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org

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Website: www.stjosephfrenchst.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday — 10:00 am Tuesday to Friday — 12:10 pm
Saturday Vigil — 5:00 pm Holy days — As announced

*The Church is open for Prayer & Meditation Tuesday—Friday from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.
Confessions are heard on Saturday at 4:30 pm and by appointment.*

Notary Services
Available
Upon Request
See Loretta Young

MARRIAGE:

All couples contemplating marriage are asked to give the Pastor at least one year prior notice in order to satisfy all diocesan requirements for marriage. All couples must attend either Pre-Cana Classes or make an Engaged Encounter.

BAPTISM:

Before a child is Baptized, the parents and Godparents must participate in a Pre-Baptismal program. Please call the Pastoral Center to make arrangements.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome! We encourage new families moving into the area to stop in or call the Pastoral Center and complete a parish registration form.

CARE OF THE SICK AND

HOMEBOUND: The Pastor, Deacon, and special ministers of Holy Communion will gladly bring Communion to anyone who is ill or otherwise unable to get to Mass. The Pastor and Deacon make regular visits to local hospitals. **Please notify the Parish Office if any parishioner is ill or hospitalized.**

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, EMAIL, TELEPHONE NUMBER: Contact the Parish Office if your personal contact information changes.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 29, 2017

- ▶ CCD — Parish Center immediately following Sunday Mass
- ▶ Adult Catechism — Sunday's, 11:30 —12:15 am in Blue Room
- ▶ February ~ Black History Month Activities
 - 05 Video of Black History and discussion with adults by Lanier Watkins
 - 12 Video of Black History and discussion with youth by Lanier Watkins
 - Health Screenings by Chi Eta Phi Nursing Sorority, Tau Eta Chapter
 - 19 Presentation by Dr. Angela Winand, Delaware Historical Society, Sponsored by Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary
 - 26 Soul Food Luncheon
- ▶ February 05 ~ Sodality's Monthly Meeting, 8:45 am
- ▶ February 11 ~ KPC Monthly Meeting, 9am — Noon
- ▶ February 25 ~ Wilmington Diocese Gospel Choir
- ▶ February 25 ~ NAACP Annual Breakfast & Oratory Presentation, 9am
- ▶ February 25 ~ Mardi Gras Party, Sponsored by KPCLA, 7pm - Midnight
Nawlins Sampler & Showcase, 2 tickets for \$50
- ▶ February 25 ~ KPCLA Meeting in Blue Room, 11:30 am
- ▶ March 01 ~ Ash Wednesday, 12:10pm Mass, 1pm Liturgy of Word
- ▶ March 03 ~ KPC Lenten Fish Fry
- ▶ March 18 ~ Breakfast @ Old Country Buffet, 8am —12pm, \$10,
Contact Kathleen Hodges
- ▶ April 01 ~ Sands Casino Bus Trip, Bethlehem, PA \$40,
Contact Deborah Robinson
- ▶ May 06 ~ National African American Museum, \$40,

Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses.
Amounts below represent last week's collection and the collection for the same week in 2016.

January 22, 2017 - \$2,790

January 18, 2016 - \$1,302

Thank you for your generosity!!!

Mass Intentions

January 28, 2017— February 5, 2017

Saturday, 01/28	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/29	10:00 AM	† Roy Hairston Requested by Fr. Paul Williams, OFM
Monday, 01/30	—	NO MASS
Tuesday, 01/31	12:10 PM	Paul Fahey Requested by Kathy Fahey
Wednesday, 02/01	12:10 PM	
Thursday, 02/02	12:10 PM	
Friday, 02/03	12:10 PM	
Saturday, 02/04	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 02/05	10:00 AM	† William Forbes Requested by Jane Crowley

PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Rev. Paul M. Williams, OFM
Deacon:	Robert J. Cousar
Parish Secretary:	Loretta L. Young
St. Vincent dePaul Society:	Fayette Jackson
Director Religious Education:	Mary Polk
Bookkeeper:	Jane Putscher

St Vincent dePaul Society of St. Joseph Conference extends a sincere thanks to the parishioners of St. Joseph's who have made contributions throughout 2016. We are grateful for your generosity.

Introduction to the Liturgy

As we gather at God's invitation, we continue our Ordinary time reflections on discipleship today with Jesus' teaching of the Beatitudes. How blessed we are to know that God loves even the least of us and wants all of us to live by the law of love. May our prayer today be fore the grace to live the Beatitudes as Christ desires that we do.

Fr. Paul

Question of the Week

Today's Beatitudes are the true test of the disciple. Do the words I hear in church today remain there? How can I allow God's grace to work in me so that I begin to live the Beatitudes and help to evangelize the crowds?

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Below is a summary of the matters discussed during the January 25th Parish Council meeting.

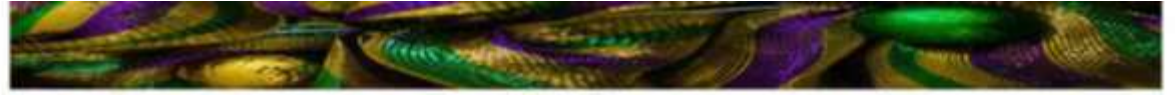
- ◆ Agreed to have a **Caribbean Liturgy and Luncheon**. Date to be determined. Coordinator: DeAnna Cardenas.
- ◆ **Building Repairs:** Corrected steam leak in parish hall; cleaned and reorganized kitchen storage room; preparing to replace lavalier microphone in church; ice machine is broken and can not be repaired. Agreed to replace.
- ◆ **Parish Bus:** We currently have four drivers and one in training.
- ◆ Parish Council will prepare to solicit candidates for the **St. Joseph Scholarship**. Scholarship(s) are available to active parishioners attending Catholic grade school or high school. Scholarship (s) will be awarded in the spring of this year. Coordinators are Damita MacFarlane and Linda Abili.
- ◆ **Bingo - New Parish Fundraiser:** KPC and KPCLA are facilitating a new parish fundraiser with the goal of raising a minimum of \$10,000 per year with all proceeds going to the Church. Kick-off Designer Bag Bingo in June 2017 and Cash Bingo one Saturday per month beginning in July 2017. This will be an on-going parish fund raiser and all parishioners are needed to ensure success.



Parish Bus - January Schedule

DATE	DRIVER
Sunday, February 5	
Sunday, February 12	Daniel Mims
Sunday, February 19	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, February 26	Vanel Fluery

God Bless Our Bus Drivers! We are grateful to our bus drivers who make personal sacrifices each week to transport our parishioners to and from mass each Sunday. Your crowns will be heavy!



St. Joseph's

Party & Showcase

Saturday, February 25, 2017

7:00 pm til 12:00 Midnight

Tickets: \$30 each or 2 for \$50

**Parish Fellowship Hall
1012 French Street
Wilmington, DE 19801**



Price Includes: Games, Music, Food Sampling of
Gumbo, Jambalaya, Red Beans & Rice, Shrimp Etoufee
Lots of Nawlins style fun!

Sponsored by Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary

**Contacts: Anthea Bedminster at 302.897.5320 or
anthbed@yahoo.com**

St. Joseph's Parish Office at 302.658.4535



Happy Birthday!

January

Linwood Manning	29
Paul Fahey	30
Yolanda Mohammed	30
Ethel Newton	31
Latasha Newton	31

February

Jean Brysson	01
Jessica Chaplin	01
Rosemary Smith	01
Sam Donahue	02
Zoe Donahue	02
Seth Eckrich	02
Matt Hoey	02
John Polk, Jr.	02
Brenda Burns	04
Samia Hopson	04
Denise Scales	04
Daniel Caesar	05
Natasha Craig Ofosu	07
Bernard Pearce	10
Atim Kilama	11
Kendra Parlock	12
Christel Turnier	12
Sidney Abili	13
Cathleen Lozes	13
Joseph Persaud	14
Le'Verne Cecere	15
Brenda Daye	15
Marcus Small	15
Terrence Clark	16
George Winston	16
Lorraine Eckrich	16
Kaeman Saunders	18
Tyiesha Enwerem	19
Timothy Skidmore	19
L'Ause Dye	20
Jacqueline Loosarian	21
David May, III	21
Kathleen Hodges	23
Dianne Skidmore	22
Marlyn Rashad	23
Albert Scales, Sr.	23
Nicole Martin-Henry	24
Chanae Council	25
Martin Taylor	25
Brian Glynn	26
Robachelle Neely	26
Kevin Daye	27
Daniel Mahler	27

Liturgy Schedule ~ January 2017

Sunday, January 1, 2017 New Year's Day, 10:00 a.m.

Tia Pulliam ~ Altar Server
Deirdre Ann Robinson ~ Greeter
Herbert Sterling ~ Lector 1
William Ray ~ Lector 2
Debbie Sterling ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Marie Cousar ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, January 7, 5:00 p.m.

Herb Sterling ~ Lector
Debbie Sterling ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, January 8, 10:00 am

Kali Watkins ~ Altar Server
Sheris Owens ~ Greeter
Jasmine MacFarlane ~ 1st Lector
Judy Gallagher ~ 2nd Lector
Delores Spencer ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Lorraine Eckrich ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister



Saturday, January 14, 5:00 p.m.

Loretta Young ~ Lector
DeAnna Cardenas ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, January 15, 10:00 a.m.

Ava Wycliff ~ Altar Server
Fayette Jackson ~ Greeter
Gail Rando ~ 1st Lector
Lisa Mims ~ 2nd Lector
John Rando ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Stacey Lowery ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, January 21, 5:00 pm

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector
Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, January 22, 10:00 am

J. Ledesma ~ Altar Server
Deidre Ann Robinson ~ Greeter
Herbert Sterling ~ 1st Lector
William Ray ~ 2nd Lector
Jed Donahue ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Pat Rafter ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, January 28, 5:00 pm

Stephanie Bolden ~ Lector
Denise Scales ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, January 29, 10:00 am

Kali Watkins ~ Altar Server
Kyle Hopson ~ Greeter
Anthea Bedminster ~ 1st Lector
Stephen Thorpe ~ 2nd Lector
Gwen Cavin ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Denise McIntyre ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

*Note: Apologies if your name does not appear on the birthday list.
If this is the case, please call the parish office at 302.658.4535 or
email the parish secretary at parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org
Please include your name, birth month, day and year.*

Parish Leadership

Parish Council is advisory to the pastor on matters of the church such as the mass schedule, improvements to the building, parish social life, etc. The Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm and all parishioners are invited. **The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2017.** The members are:

Fr. Paul Williams, President	
Deacon Cousar, Ex Officio	
Linda Abili	Sheila Cavin
Vincent Caesar	Kathy Hodges
Chantal Jackson	Derrick Johnson
Deirdre Robinson	Damita MacFarlane
Doris Matthews	John Rando
Laura Wharton	Loretta Young

The **Finance Committee** is responsible for helping the pastor with creating and managing the budget and to ensure the parish is fiscally sound. Members are appointed by the pastor and meet quarterly. Current committee members are:

Deacon Bob Cousar, Chair
Dana Crumety
Judy Gallagher
Herb Sterling
Bertley Wharton

Parking Lot

During the weekdays, the parking spaces are not available. In addition, please do not park in the pastors' or volunteer parking slots. These slots are available on Sunday, but never during the weekday. If you have a special request, please call the office. Thank you.

Sunday Morning Fellowship

We've been blessed to have the coffee and pastries donated on each Sunday of the month as indicated below.

- ◆ 1st Sunday - Ladies Sodality
- ◆ 2nd Sunday - Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary
- ◆ 3rd Sunday - Loretta & Leonard Young
- ◆ 4th Sunday - Krispy Kreme donuts hosted by Kathy Hodges
- ◆ 5th Sunday - Gail & John Rando



Thank You!

THANKS FOR BEING HERE!

If you would like to become an **ACTIVE** member of Saint Joseph's Parish we invite you to complete the Parish Registration form below and place the completed form in the Offertory basket or send to the Parish Office. Someone from the Parish Office will contact you.

Saint Joseph Catholic Church Parish Registration Form

Last

Name: _____

Full Name: _____

List all resident family members you wish to register at Saint Joseph's and the relationship of all.

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Cellular Phone: _____

Home Telephone: _____

TRIP TO THE BATHROOM

Little people sometimes find it necessary to make a bathroom visit during mass to relieve boredom if nothing else. Fellowship hall and the bathrooms are unsupervised and accessible to outsiders. For the safety of our little ones, their grown-up should accompany them when they take a break. Nothing has happened and we want to be sure it doesn't.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH LIFE AND NEWS

The Sodality honors the Blessed Mother



through prayer. These ladies faithfully pray the rosary each Sunday before mass and they pray continuously for the parish, the city and for individuals in need of the intercession of the Blessed Mother. If you would like to join this ministry, please contact Denise

Scales on 302.368.9881.

JUNIOR SODALITY

The Jr. Sodality mission statement includes:

having a deeper appreciation and understanding of others by enriching values of respect, responsibility and sharing with the guidance and example of St. Joseph Senior Sodality. Making a difference by bringing joy, love and refreshments to brighten the lives of others including St. Joseph community and the shut-in, hosting a luncheon for those less fortunate, sharing in the ministries of the church and participating in the Angel Tree Adopt A Child Program. ALL YOUNG LADIES, 6 TO 14, IN THE DIOCESE ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. PLEASE CONTACT JEAN TOY, 302-658-2218 FOR INFORMATION. THANK YOU.

Buy gift/ pre-paid cards for a good cause.

Please consider buying gift/ pre-paid cards for everyday items & gifts. Proceeds are used to support the mission of the Knights of Peter Claver, such as service to the Church, assistance to the needy and youth scholarship. Order forms are in the back of the church or online. For information, phone 302 598 0448; Email: kpc.scrip@stjosephfrenchst.org
Web: http://kpc.stjosephfrenchst.org.KPC_ScripFundRaisingInfo.pdf

BAYLOR PRISON MINISTRY: Every Friday morning, parishioners and friends brighten the lives of women who are incarcerated. On the first and third Friday, Fr. Paul celebrates mass. For additional information, please contact Rose Henderson, 302-762-9044.

Stock the Pantry - Catholic Charities Non-Perishable Food Donations

A barrel for non-perishable foods is located in the vestibule of the church. Please help to replenish their food closets by contributing non-perishable food items as well as personal hygiene items such as soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, etc. To make a cash donation online, visit <https://www.cdow.org/ccdonation.html>.

St. Joseph's Book Club Meets in the Parish Center. Bring your book, a friend, snack, and your insights to this lively Discussion. The next session will take place on Monday, Please see Geraldine Purnell.



Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies' Auxiliary is comprised of over 18,000 Catholic family members. We continue our expansion efforts welcoming all Catholics to join. Our purpose is to render service to God and His Holy Church. If you would like to join our organization please see Grand Knight Vincent Robinson or Grand Lady Brenda Burns.

Emergency contact == To contact the pastor after hours, call the parish number. The messages are checked every few hours, the first thing in the morning and the last thing at night. When the pastor is away, the parish secretary checks the phone frequently and will notify the pastor if there is a grave situation.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

The journey of faith is a process that takes time. Please contact the pastor about taking steps leading to initiation as a Catholic Christian. If you know someone who needs special invitation, please inform the pastor. The whole church is built up when an adult embraces the faith. We need to embrace those called by Christ.



The St. Joseph Choir is Recruiting

If you would like to help us celebrate the Mass and get extra credit, (because you know when you sing you are praying twice), please come and join the St. Joseph Choir. We rehearse and sing every Sunday, except 4th Sunday, in the Parish Center Conference Room at 9:15 AM. If you are interested, please see DeAnna Cardenas after Mass or call the Parish Center and leave a message. Thank you!

WILMINGTON DIOCESE GOSPEL CHOIR

WDGC sings at St. Joseph on the fourth Sunday and throughout the Diocese during the year. For information, call Brenda Burns at 302-322-6899.

SNOW & CHURCH

During the wintertime, many ask about a St. Joseph's snow policy. I always offer the following: When there is a winter storm, it is best to err on the side of safety when you are thinking about coming to mass. Loretta will submit all parish weather cancellations on radio station WDEL 1150 and change the voicemail greeting advising whether or not there will be mass. Remember, I might not be able to make it from the friary at St. Paul's if the snow is too deep or if the roads are treacherous. While this is not a specific policy, my best advice is to be prudent.

Fr. Paul

THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE

Good News!
Good News!

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, February 5th, tune in to hear an interview with Paula D'Arcy, author of the inspirational new book, "Stars at Night." For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum. Listen to past episodes of Catholic Forum online at cdow.org/communications or search "Catholic Forum" on iTunes or iHeartRadio podcasts.



We receive the Beatitudes from Matthew's gospel reading this week. These blessings relay the proper attitude we are called to have in response to the love of God and how to relay this love to our neighbor. This week reread Matthew 5:3-12 and prayerful consider each blessing. We all have heard these before but how many of us are living them? As you pray and meditate on each blessing, contemplate how you are living these attitudes and how you can better live them fully. Maybe choose one to focus on, how can you be more merciful, meek, clean of heart, etc.? Spend some time with the Lord in prayer and I am certain he will show you the way to obtain the pure happiness that the beatitudes provide.

**The Way of St. Francis
A Weekend for Black Catholic Men
Open to Religious Life
February 10-12, 2017
at Holy Name College
Silver Spring, MD**



Join our friars to learn about Franciscan life and ministry and to hear about the experiences and joys of African- American men.

We welcome men of African descent ages 18 to 45 to share meals and conversation and to listen to presentations by friars and others involved with the Order that was founded in 1209 by St. Francis of Assisi.

For information or to RSVP, contact Kirk Gaddy at 443.285.1663 or kgaddy@sfismd.org by February 1. Include "Vocation Retreat" in the subject line.



**This event is sponsored by the Franciscan friars of Holy Name Province.
Learn more about our way of life at www.HNP.org**

Office for Marriage and Family Life

by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Which of the Beatitudes most typifies your spouse - living simply, grieving, humility, hunger for righteousness, merciful, acts with integrity in the face of temptations, peacemaking, works for justice despite personal attacks. (Mt 5:1-12)

PARENTING POINTERS

God called Samuel several times before he recognized the call (1 Samuel 3). Jesus called the apostles and they followed quickly (John 1:35) - perhaps so quickly they didn't really understand what they were saying YES to. Talk to your children about what they want to be when they grow up. What kind of person do they want to be NOW?

Vocations Reflection

Today's second reading begins with St. Paul exhorting the Corinthians: "Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters." What steps are you taking to discern your calling? Concretely, how are you trying to listen for God's voice? Consider your own calling. Call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations/

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. The Retrouvaille Program is endorsed by the Diocese of Wilmington. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the February 10-12, 2017 program, call 1-800-966-7981 or visit the web site at

www.HelpOurMarriage.com

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN, AND THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY

Adia Bracy	Donald Evans	Margaret Dorsey	Nellie Lawrence	Rose Henderson
Ronald Toy	Joanna Warren	Delores Tuller	Kendra Denhardt	Jessica Fullman
Leta Johnson	Frances Reed	Roberta Howell	Bernard Paskins	Donna Scott May
Tanya Wilson	Mark Gallagher	Arlene Watson	Barbara Stacey	Jemison Asante
Jeffrey Britton	Tony Dash	Jane McDonald	Giuseppina Fazzino	Mary Joan Thompson
Barbara Willis	Doris Gallagher	Terry McDonald	Bernice T. Ashe	Gordon Sanders
Ethel Barrett	Gerry Reybold	Charlie Anderson	James Collins	Leonard J. Young, Jr.
Sean Willis	Jean Toy	London Louise Simmonds	John Thompson	James Thomas



The National Black Catholic Congress

Hyatt Regency Orlando, Florida

E-mail: nbcc@nbccongress.org / tel: 410.547.8496

Congress XII in Orlando, Florida is coming July 6-9, 2017!
Never been to a Congress? Find out what all the fuss is about -
watch the Congress XI video (from 2012) here!

The 78th Annual Tekakwitha Conference, with the theme, "Loving One Another Through the Spirit of Saint Kateri," will be held on July 19-23, 2017 in Rapid City, South Dakota. For more information, including registration, go to www.tekconf.org. In Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore, please contact Gail Rando at naministry@gmail.com, 352-445-2350 or Sharon Ward wward2@verizon.net, 302-545-3383 for more information.

WWW: Well Women Witness

*Sponsored By: ORACLE Religious Assn.
"In Times Like These We Need the Savior!"*

**Incarnation Catholic Church
880 Eastern Avenue, NE; DC 20019**

Speaker ~ Sr./Dr. Oralisa Martin

Saturday, March 4, 2017

8:00AM to 5:00PM

Closing Mass @ 4:00PM

For registration online:

<http://events.eventzilla.net/e/w-w-w-well-women-witness--anniversary-2138892608>

Tickets: **\$55** up to Jan. 23rd; **\$60** after Jan.23rd ~2017

Breakfast & Lunch Included

Credit Card payment ~ Call: Sis/Dr. Oralisa Martin
(202) 528-8633

FOR THE SAKE OF GOD'S CHILDREN

Reporting Allegations of Child Abuse to Authorities

1. Division of Family Services at 1-800-292-9582
2. State Attorney General's Office 302-577-8310
3. Report to Fr. Paul, Deacon Cousar or Loretta Young
4. Report to Diocese: Vicar General 302-573-3118

A United States Visit
by

Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia

President of the Pontifical Academy for Life and
Grand Chancellor of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute
for Studies on Marriage and Family

~ and ~

Reverend Monsignor Pierangelo Sequeri

President of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family



"The Gospel of Life & the Gospel of the Family"

Thursday, February 2, 2017
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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