

JANUARY 12, 2014
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
 †Masses and Intentions†

Sat Confession prior to 4:30 Mass

Sat Jan 11, 4:30 pm Mass at St. Philip
 † **John J. Bogdanovich** by the Family

Sun Jan 12, 9:00 am Mass at St. Jude

Sun Jan 12, 11:00 am Mass at St. Philip
 † **Cecile Martin** requested by Friends

Mon Jan 13, 8:00 am Mass at St. Jude

Mon Jan 13, 6:00 pm Mass at St. Philip

Tues Jan 14, 8:00 am Mass at St. Jude

Tues Jan 14, 6:00 pm Mass at St. Philip

Wed Jan 15, 8:00 am Mass at St. Jude

Fri Jan 17, 8:00 am Mass at St. Philip
Adoration following Mass until 5:00 pm
 4:50 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction

Sat Confession prior to 4:30 Mass

Sat Jan 18, 4:30 pm Mass at St. Philip
 † **Dorothy Paquette, 1st Anniversary** by Roger Peloquin

Sun Jan 19, 9:00 am Mass at St. Jude

Sun Jan 19, 11:00 am Mass at St. Philip

† **Henry J. Krupa, Sr.** by Margaret Pivonka, Marion Varga & Family

OUR OFFERING OF THANKS TO GOD LAST WEEK	
St. Philip Weekly & Holy Day Offering	\$3,916.00
St. Jude Weekly & Holy Day Offering	\$1,263.00

MEMORIAL FUND TOTAL DONATIONS	
St. Philip Memorial Fund	\$35,186.00
St. Jude Memorial Fund	\$14,675.00

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND		
Saturday 4:30 pm St. Philip	01/04/14	85
Sunday 9:00 am St. Jude	01/05/14	129
Sunday 11:00 am St. Philip	01/05/14	161
	Total:	375

STEWARDSHIP: "And a voice came from the heavens, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'" Matthew 3:17. At the Baptism of Jesus, God made it clear that He was giving us the greatest gift He could give. He was giving us His only Son. When you really think about the magnitude of the gift of Jesus, sent to save us, plus all of the many other blessings that God has entrusted into our hands, it is very humbling. God has given us so much. What do we give in return?



WHEN THE WEATHER is very bad and/or very cold, most Masses and events will be canceled. Please call the Rectory or Father Kennedy's cell phone (860-334-8925) to ask whether a Mass, Parish Education, or Meetings will be cancelled.

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Monday, January 20th
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

PRAYER LIST: Bruce Beaudoin, Denise Beaudoin, Marie (Beaudoin) Chace, Millie & Gus Aiello, Ed Kominski, Katie Phelps, Elizabeth Piecyk, Normand Ravenelle, Elaine Fisher, Jacob Fletcher, Sherri Shea, Pablo Alayon, Karin Bergeron, Victor Drouin, Addie Specyalski, Robert Blain, Alesha Dagon, Mikayla Wilcox, Bob Mullarkey, John Bergeron, Lois Mindek, Sheila Bilica, Michael Ernst, Dominic Arinzele, Connie Tomecko, Joan Dumas. **Please inform us of any updates.**

PARISH MEETINGS:

Prayer Shawl: Tues, Jan 14, 6:30 pm, Rectory.
Knights of Columbus: Tues, Jan 14, 7 pm Parish Ctr.
Finance Committee: Thurs, Jan 16, 7 pm, Rectory.
Women's Bible Study: Tues, Jan 21, 10 am Rectory.
Parish Council: (Jan cancelled) Tues, Feb 18, 7 pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

St. Philip: CCD 9:30 am Sun.

St. Jude: CCD Wednesdays.

Confirmation Classes

St. Philip, Sundays, 6 pm.

St. Jude, Wednesdays, 7pm.

Adult Ed with Fr. Kennedy, Wednesdays, 10-12 noon.
 St. Philip Center. Next Class Jan 15, 2014

St. Philip Parish Center, Mondays 7:00 pm

A new class in Catholic Teaching ~ Get Excited ~
 January 13, 2014, Topic: to be announced.

Adult Ed with Ed Conlan: To Be Announced

Retreat WOMEN'S RETREAT
HOLY FAMILY PASSIONIST
RETREAT CENTER: Jan 24-26,

2014. We encourage all our ladies to join us on this weekend of prayer, fellowship, teaching, encouraging and spending time with our Lord Jesus. The theme this year is "Nothing Less Than Everything". The retreat theme explores the transformative act of Love that heals us and inspires us with Hope. In the back of the church are forms with an explanation from Fr. David Cinquegrani, C.P., Retreat Director. If you have any questions, please call Caroline at the Rectory Office on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. 860-429-2860.

VATICAN'S SURVEY REGARDING THE FAMILY

is on our website. If you would like to comment on any of the survey questions, please return the questionnaire to the office. Your responses will be kept confidential.

BIRTHRIGHT OF WINDHAM: Your donations provide a witness to our Catholic faith and our commitment to life as we continue to provide baby wash, lotion, shampoo, pampers (size 1-4) and wipes, receiving blankets, newborn gowns and clothing. Through these donations, our two churches make a major impact on this ministry for local mothers and their babies.



MARCH FOR LIFE – Jan 22, 2014 in Washington,



DC Bus Trip. Jan 22, 2014 marks the 41st anniversary of the Supreme Court's legalization of abortion.

Since that decision, over 50 million babies have died from abortion. On

Jan 22nd people from across our nation will assemble in the largest Pro-life event in the world, in Wash, D.C. to March for Life and end abortion. On Tues, Jan 21st at 9 PM, buses sponsored by the Southeast Chapter of Connecticut Right to Life will leave from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 80, I-395) and travel to D.C. to attend the March.

Bus fare is \$65 per person. (Reduced rate available for students) Please reply ASAP! For info, to reserve a seat or if you cannot go, to sponsor a seat, please call Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362.

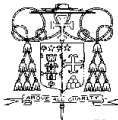
WE HAVE 10 - \$50 VOUCHERS for anyone who would like to go to Washington, either with the bus trip or individually. Please call the rectory for info.

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER: On Friday, Jan 17th we will have a day of fasting and prayer to support the Pro-Life position in union with the annual March for Life on January 22nd, and also for Father Kennedy's trip to Haiti. Our Friday morning Mass and Rosary will be a Pro-Life memorial Mass, as well as one for the people of Haiti. If you would like to participate either at home or at St. Philip's in Fasting and Prayer that day, please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.

FATHER KENNEDY will be going to Haiti with a group from St. Mary's in Coventry from January 22nd until January 29th. Please keep him in your prayers.

THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH ~ EDUCATION

has developed an online survey requesting participation of preschool parents and CCD families. Parents will receive a letter in the mail with information about completing the survey. Please participate to help determine the future shape of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Norwich.



THANK YOU to everyone who made this Christmas a very special time for our two Churches: Mary Michaud, Anne Supina and helpers at Saint Philip's,



Karen Rabe and helpers at Saint Jude's for decorating the Churches so beautifully; Marion Varga, the Choir, Soloists and Instrumentalists whose music was outstanding; and Barbara

King for the Christmas skit at St. Jude's. Thank you to everyone who donated Gifts and Gift Cards to families in our area through the Giving Tree Ministry and the BirthRight of Windham Baby Shower.

We need VOLUNTEERS at both churches to take down the decorations after Sunday Mass this week. Please take home a poinsettia, if you would like one.



Due to recent thefts in the Ashford area, including one in St. Philip's parking lot last Sunday, please lock your cars when you park at the Church.

MASSES OF HEALING: Mondays, Jan 13th & 27th 1 pm, Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath St., Norwich, CT. Celebrant, Fr. Ray Introvigne and Healing Prayers, Mrs. Judith Hughes. Please call to register. 860-887-0702

One-Day "LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR": Saturday, January 18, 9-4 @ St. Andrew Church Hall, 128 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT. Fr. Ray Introvigne, Mrs. Judith Hughes and Team. Please call the Spiritual Renewal Center @ 860-887-0702 or Fr. Ray @ Sacred Heart Rectory, 860-859-9288 to register.

REMEMBER THE NEEDY IN OUR COMMUNITY.

The Ashford Food Bank thanks us for our continued support for struggling families in the Ashford Community. Food is collected all year, not just at the holidays. Please bring non-perishable foods to the church for distribution. We cannot distribute out-of-date food.



GIFT CARDS ARE NEEDED Please consider donating gas cards from Cumberland Farms, and food cards from Big Y for requests that come from the needy in our community. Put them in an envelope marked "office" and place them in the collection basket. Thank you.

MEMORIAL MASSES: To remember your loved ones in Masses once or yearly, please call the office or stop in MTW&F 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM.

FOOD ASSISTANCE: Distribution is always on a Friday morning, usually the 4th Friday of the month, from 7-9 am at the United Baptist Church of Ashford. We have applications and food distribution schedules in our office or you may visit the website: http://www.ashfordchurch.org/COMMUNITY_OUTREACH/Ashford_Food_Bank/.

The **WILLINGTON FOOD PANTRY** is open 2 days weekly: Mon, 4 pm - 6 pm, and Wed, 10 am - Noon. Patrons must be Willington residents and be screened by the social worker, Tara Bergeron. Customers can come once monthly (on the day of their choice) to select shelf-stable food for their household. To apply, contact: Tara Bergeron, Director, Youth, Family & Social Services, Town of Willington, 40 Old Farms Rd. Willington, CT 06279 Phone: 860-487-3118; FAX: 860.487-3125 Email: wdfss@willingtonct.org.

Eucharistic Adoration: two adorers are needed each hour after Mass on **Fridays** at St. Philip **9am to 5:50pm. Please call Sandra Mullarkey: 860-429-0322.** We need people who can commit to one hour, as well as people able to substitute when necessary. All are invited.



RELIGIOUS FREEDOM Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor recently agreed to block temporarily the contraceptive mandate in the HHS implementation of the federal health care law. The mandate forces religion-affiliated organizations to go against their religious beliefs by providing contraception as part of their health plans. Justice Sotomayor's action is a step in the right direction, but the relief is only temporary. We must continue voicing our opposition to the HHS mandate by contacting President Obama at the White House at 202-456-1111 or Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius at 202-205-5445. Let them know that the health care mandate, as currently written, is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT ADOPTION? Catholic Charities provides services for all members of the adoption triad: Infant adoption placements, domestic and international home studies and adoption searches. Contact our Adoption Coordinator at: 860-889-8346 ext.282 or susansedensky@cfsn.org for more info.

Where are our shut-ins? Please call the rectory if you have a loved one in the hospital or in a nursing home so we can visit, bring the Eucharist and keep in touch.



Natural Family Planning Classes ~ For Married and Engaged. (NFP) is the safe and loving alternative to the dangerous chemical and synthetic hormonal side-effects of contraception and birth control. **NFP** is scientific and 99% effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing your baby. NFP can also help with fertility problems. A class begins in Gales Ferry on Jan. 25th, call the Schantz's at 860-464-0741. A class begins on Feb. 5th in Westerly, RI; call the Bliers at 401-596-9582. Register for class on line at www.ccli.org. Home Study and online also available.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS

If you are silently grieving after an abortion; healing, forgiveness and peace can begin with a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.** Website: www.rachelsvineyard.org. "Project Rachel" is also a Diocesan outreach for anyone in need of healing. Priests in "Project Rachel" can help you through healing and forgiveness. Call 860-889-8346 ext. 283 or 800-554-5173. Confidential. www.rachelsvineyard.org.



Do you or someone you know need a **Prayer Shawl?** Contact: Carolann Hernberg: 860-487-0449, chernberg01@snet.net.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC CDS: There are new CDs with good Catholic teaching and some excellent testimonies of individuals and their faith walk. Thank you for all your donations, they help to keep the program going. If you have questions or requests contact Donna Vertefeulle at 860-429-4508 or email donna@vertefeulle.org.



"Donation Angel" ~ Donate any type of vehicle: cars, boats, etc. running or not. Donation Angel raises funds to support our Catholic Charities of Norwich and its mission to respond to Christ's call to care for those in need by providing services for individuals and families. Click or call now for free quick removal of your unwanted vehicle and receive a tax deduction. For info call Ray at: 866-434-1131 or www.donationangel.org/ccfsn.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR LIFE!



"Choose Life" License Plates with smiling faces are promoting adoptions and traveling everywhere as a witness to Life and Love. Give a gift that keeps on giving, it's so easy! Go to www.fund-adoption.org for info or to download an application form. The license plate helps fund agencies such as Catholic Charities.

REGISTRATION: If you are new to our parish or your registration is not current, please fill in a form with up-to-date information. Also, your pledge and use of the parish envelopes helps us plan our budget and provides you with a tax record.

DIOCESE OF NORWICH VOCATION OFFICE: We have 9 seminarians studying this year. Please keep them in your prayers.

Pregnant? Need help? CATHOLIC CHARITIES Pregnancy and Adoption Programs provide concrete help & answers. Call 1-800-BABYDUE, even if you simply want to talk.

SHARE YOUR JOY! If you or a loved one are celebrating a special event let us know so we can celebrate with you.

Home Buyers and Foreclosure Prevention

Classes: For help with purchasing a home, fallen behind on mortgage payments or help with budgeting or filling out applications for **EMAP**. **All services are provided free at Catholic Charities, a HUD approved Counseling Agency. The Free ongoing Foreclosure Prevention and 8 hour Home Buyers Education Classes** are offered by Catholic Charities in Norwich, New London and Plainfield locations. **Info: 860-889-8346 ext. 271.**

ST. JOSEPH'S LIVING CENTER in Windham, CT is looking for volunteers to assist during daily Mass. Contact Jo-Ann Hay in Pastoral Care 860-456-1107.

CATHOLIC CRUISE TO ALASKA Aug 1-8, 2014
Come and sail away on a 7-night Catholic Alaska Cruise with Father Jose Chacko, on Royal Caribbean's Rhapsody of the Seas out of Seattle, Washington. Ports of Call: Tracy Arm Fjord, Skagway, Juneau, Alaska Inside Passage, Victoria, (B.C. Canada). Prices begin at \$2142 including all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$350/person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. Deadline: 2/16/2014. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or

Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

Marriage Encounter Weekend~ "We thought we had a great marriage, but now our love is so much deeper than anything we could have imagined!" Rediscover each other with a heart-to-heart **Marriage Encounter**. Upcoming dates: January 24-26, March 7-9, July 11-13, November 7-9, 2014. For information call 860-376-0440. Email: meweekend@gmail.com. Website: www.wwme.org. To register for the January 24-26 weekend in East Hartford or for information call 860-376-0440.

PARENTS DIVORCING AND/OR RESOLVING CHILD CUSTODY ISSUES – participate in the court suggested Parent Education Program. Are you concerned about the effects of divorce, separation or family disruption on your children? **Catholic Charities offers ongoing, monthly one day Parenting Education Classes in Norwich, Rockville and Middletown. A monthly 2- part Spanish/bilingual parenting education class is held in Willimantic.** Attendance at both sessions in the Willimantic class is required for the certificate of completion. Fees apply and are determined by the State of CT. Please call 1-866-883-1624 ext. 263 for registration and monthly class locations and dates.

The College of Saint Mary Magdalen in Warner, NH is pleased to offer a **four-year, full-tuition Presidential Scholarship**. This scholarship will be awarded to an incoming freshman who has written a compelling essay in response to any Papal Encyclical, demonstrating their close reading and careful reflection upon its meaning for lay Catholics at the beginning of the twenty-first century. The student's essay must be seven to ten pages in length, they must have scored at least 1800 on the SAT (or at least 26 on the ACT), and must submit a completed admissions application by February 1, 2014. **The essay deadline is February 15, 2014.** For more information, please visit our website www.magdalen.edu or contact the Admissions Office at 603-456-2656, Admissions@magdalen.edu.

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers



The January Schedule and February Availability sheet are now on the website. Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors are needed. Now is the time to come forward.

WE NEED YOU – ESPECIALLY AT ST. PHILIP'S!

MARRIAGE PREP CLASS FOR ENGAGED COUPLES "God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage". To register for a 3-session class call the Family Life Office at: 860-889-8346 ext. 283.

Upcoming classes:

Sat., Feb. 8, 15, 22, 9:30am-12:00pm at St. Joseph Church, Occum.

Fri. Mar. 7, 14, 21, * 6:00pm-8:30pm at St. Francis Church, Middletown.

Sat. Mar. 15, 22, 29, 9:30am-12:00pm at St. Matthew Church, Tolland.

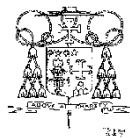
MARRIAGE BUILDING AND REPAIR: Is your marriage tearing you apart, little or no communication, considering separation or divorce? Retrouvaille is a lifeline. Retrouvaille provides tools to heal, re-establish communication, and gain new insight into your marriage. A series of 6 sessions follows the weekend phase. Couples come to Retrouvaille, which is Catholic in origin but open to all, with a sincere desire to repair and build a stable, loving marriage. For information or to sign up for the next weekend on January 17-19 in Hartford area call 413-525-1634.

www.retrouvaille.org.

ST. PHILIP AND ST. JUDE MEMORIAL FUNDS



If you are making your donation in installments, please contact the office if you would like payment coupons.



ST. PHILIP & ST. JUDE CONFIRMATION

Bishop Cote wrote to us,
"Dear Father Kennedy,



With great pleasure, I am happy to tell

you that I will be coming to your parish for Confirmation in 2014." Confirmation is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 7:00 pm** Please mark your calendars!

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, February 1st ~ 8:30 a.m. Please join us at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the **Cathedral** and Planned Parenthood. A brunch will follow the Rosary.

The Catholic Tour, LLC, a 34-year-old Catholic Pilgrimage Apostolate is pleased to announce the upcoming **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLD LAND** to correspond with Pope Francis on his visit to Israel and Jordan, May 23-31, 2014 from JFK airport in New York. Price is \$3,199 from JFK. Discount of \$200 if you sign up by February 10, 2014. Price includes superior tourist class hotels with private bath, most meals, airfare, motorcoach, full time escort, fuel surcharges, airline taxes and daily Mass. Deadline is February 28, 2014 "First Come-First Served". Website: www.theCatholicTour.com or call 1-877-627-4266.



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January 6, 2014

*Catholic Schools Week: January 26 – February 1, 2014-
Theme: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service*

“Education is integral to the Mission of the Church to proclaim the good news. First and foremost, every Catholic institution is a place to encounter the Living God, who in Jesus Christ reveals His transforming love and truth.” Pope Benedict at Washington, D. C., (2008)

My dear friends in Christ:

As your Bishop and pastor I am writing to you to share with you the words of Pope Benedict and provide you with an urgent message: I need your help in preserving Catholic education. One of the best ways of doing this is for Catholic parents to enroll their children in one of our twelve, Catholic elementary schools or three Catholic secondary schools.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in their document, *Renewing our Commitment to Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools in the Third Millennium* (2005) stated, “...We must respond to challenging times with faith, vision and the will to succeed because the Catholic School’s mission is vital to the future of our young people, our nation, and most especially our Church.” These are demanding times and I am convinced that in order to help our children respond appropriately they should be enrolled in a place where they can “encounter the Living God.”

For forty years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the National Catholic Education Association have designated a week at the beginning of each new calendar year to celebrate the existence of Catholic Schools and showcase their accomplishments. The goals for the week are to: 1. ask your prayerful consideration of each school’s Mission to evangelize Catholic children and young adults; and, 2. to encourage enrollment in our schools as the best way for parents to ensure their children have a Gospel-based education.

The Church needs our young people to be deeply rooted in the Gospels and to be knowledgeable, intentional, reflective and prayerful Catholics worshiping God, leading the faithful and providing service to those in need, now and into the future. The best way to do this is through Catholic elementary and secondary schools.

In the coming weeks you will read and hear about our Catholic schools in your area. Please listen to the message and take the time to investigate through attendance at an open house, participating in a school visit, talking to Catholic school parents, reading the school literature and/or visiting each school’s website.

I urge you and your child to respond to God’s call and my invitation to join in the life of the Church through our Catholic schools.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

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DECEMBER/JANUARY

Friday-Sunday, January 24-26 Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford; Women's Weekend Retreat, Nothing Less than Everything. \$295, more if you can; less if you can't. 860-760-9705.

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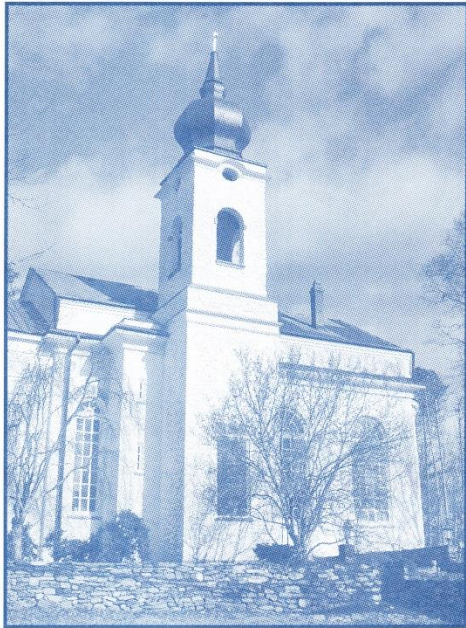
HOLY WEEK RETREATS: Come and spend Holy Week on the Hill! Father Bill Sheehan, OMI (Palm Sunday to Thursday) and Father Ron Rolheiser, OMI (Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday Mass) will be offering retreats. Each Retreat fee is \$225.00. **“Sitting with Jesus” and “Walking with Jesus”** are the themes for the retreats. For more information, please contact Immaculata at (860) 423-8484.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request, and God bless you in your ministry among God's people.

Father John Hanley, OMI

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OFFICE HOURS:

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and
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www.saintphilipsaintjude.org

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pvincent2450@charter.net

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

4:30 PM, Sat. Vigil, *St Philip*
9:00 AM *St Jude*
11:00 AM *St Philip*

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Mondays, 8:00 AM *St. Jude*
Mondays, 6:00 PM *St. Philip*
Tuesdays, 8:00 AM *St. Jude*
Tuesdays, 6:00 PM *St. Philip*
Wednesdays, 8:00 AM *St. Jude*
Friday, 8:00 AM *St. Philip*

followed by Adoration until 5 pm

SACRAMENTS:

Please call the office for information on
Baptism, Marriage, and Pastoral visits.

CONFESSION:

Saturdays at 4:15 p.m. or by appointment.

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