



# SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT PARISH

February 15, 2026



### Weekend Masses

Vigil at Our Lady of Grace Church – 4:00pm  
Sunday at St. Anthony Church – 8:00am  
Sunday at St. Thomas Church – 9:15am  
Sunday at St. Anthony Church – 11:00am

### Daily Masses

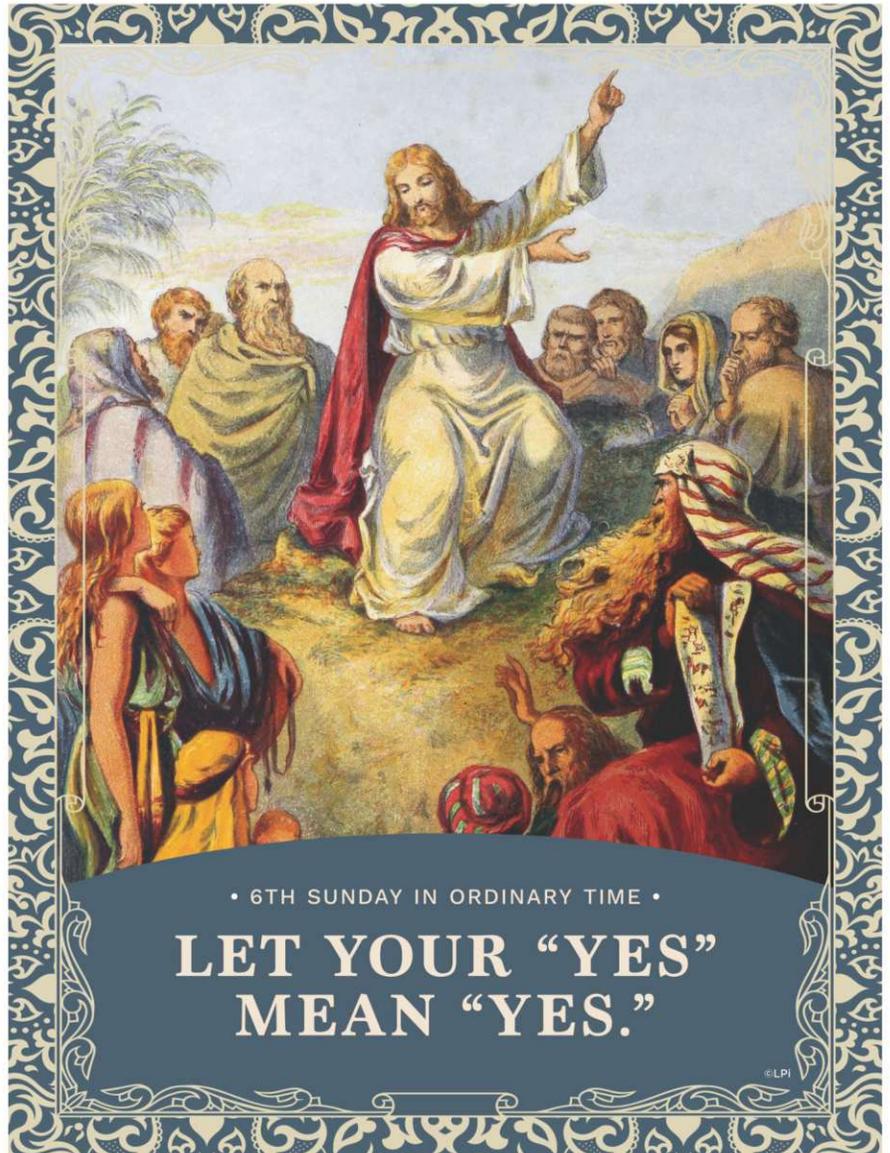
Monday – Friday at  
St. Anthony Church – 8:00am

### Confession

Saturdays at Our Lady of Grace Church –  
3:00 - 3:45pm

### Adoration

Mondays at St. Anthony Church –  
7:00 - 8:00pm – with the  
Sacrament of Confession



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#### **ST THOMAS OF VILLANOVA CHURCH**

71 North Street, Goshen, CT 06756



#### **OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH**

715 Bantam Road, Bantam, CT 06750

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 15th, 2026*



**Mass Intentions**

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention For February:

*For children with incurable diseases*

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

LDM = St Louis de Montfort Parish; SAP = St Anthony of Padua Church; STV = St Thomas of Villanova Church; OLG = Our Lady of Grace Church

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026**

OLG 4:00 PM + *Anita Torizzo* ~ By her Friends

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

SAP 8:00 AM + *Ann Flannery*

~ By Harold Jr. and Arlene Dunning

STV 9:15 AM + *Andy Dole* ~ By the Marshall Family

SAP 11:00 AM + *Billy Jacobs*

~ By Anne & Sarah Cianciolo

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026**

SAP 8:00 AM + *Lyn Swirda* ~ By Helaine Swirda

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

SAP 8:00 AM + *Marion Marola* ~ By Dennis Texiera

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

SAP 8:00 AM ~ Living and Deceased of the Parish

OLG 12:10 PM – Ashes Service (No Mass)

STV 6:00 PM ~ Living and Deceased of the Parish

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026**

SAP 8:00 AM ~ A Special Intention

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026**

SAP 8:00 AM + *Russell "Buddy" Simoncelli*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026**

OLG 4:00 PM ~ **OPEN**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

SAP 8:00 AM + *Conrad Bauer* ~ By Lisa Bauer

STV 9:15 AM + *Andy Dole* ~ By the Ladies Guild

SAP 11:00 AM + *John and Katherine Dolan*

~ By Family



*Collections: THIS Weekend is the Parish Weekly and Seminarian Collections. NEXT Weekend will be the Parish Weekly and Church in Central & Eastern Europe Collection.*

**Saint Louis de Montfort Parish**

**February 7th & 8th**

**WEEKLY: ..... \$ 3,408.00**

**ONLINE GIVING : ..... \$ 1,988.84**

*Thank you for Your Continued Generosity to Saint Louis de Montfort Parish.*

**Online Giving IS HERE...**



Saint Louis de Montfort Parish's Online Giving tool for contributions. Go to our Parish Online Giving website at [www.osvhub.com/stlouisdemontfortparish/giving/funds](http://www.osvhub.com/stlouisdemontfortparish/giving/funds)

**Plenty of slots are open for Mass intentions! Please call, visit the office, view our website, or scan our QR code for more information or to schedule.**



**Sacraments At Our Parish**

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Call the office for more information.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Every Saturday at Our Lady of Grace Church (3:00--3:45pm); during Adoration on Mondays 7:00--8:00pm at St. Anthony's Church  
**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Please call the office at least six months in advance before making any other arrangements.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the office.

**Religious Education:** Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation: Please call Cate Corwin.

**Adult Sacraments:** Any adult wishing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communions, and/or Confirmation are welcome to join the OCIA and Adult Confirmation process. Please call the office for more information.

*Please add the following people to your prayers*

- ♥ Marie Sanford ♥ Lois Buchanan ♥ Oren Boynton
- ♥ Fiona Riley ♥ John Pelchat ♥ Eileen Proveaux
- ♥ Bob Grosclaude ♥ Liz Carter ♥ Ed Perry
- ♥ Mary Corbo ♥ Tracey Bassos ♥ Stephen Foster
- ♥ Lacey G & Elliott ♥ Brior Stack-Sweeney
- ♥ Chris Dole ♥ Bernard Harrington ♥ Fr. Josh Wilbur

# LENT 2026

SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT PARISH: LENTEN EVENTS AND SERVICES



## February 18th ~ Ash Wednesday

8am Mass at St. Anthony of Padua  
12:10pm Ashes Service at  
Our Lady of Grace  
6pm Mass at St. Thomas of Villanova



## March 25th ~ Solemnity of the Annunciation

The Mass Schedule is as follows:

6pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church  
8am Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church  
6pm Mass at St. Thomas of Villanova Church



## Lenten Mission

“The Apparitions of Mary: How She Prepares Us for Easter”  
All sessions will be at 6pm in the Saint Anthony Church Hall  
on the following dates:

February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, and 18th

The concluding session will take place at Our Lady of Grace  
Church after the 6pm Vigil Mass for the Feast of  
the Annunciation on March 24th.



## Adoration & Confession

Adoration and Confession will be held from  
6pm to 8pm at the following locations and dates:

**St. Anthony of Padua:** February 23rd, March 2nd, 9th,  
16th, 23rd, and 30th. **St. Thomas of Villanova:** March 31st.

**Our Lady of Grace:** April 1st.



## Stations of the Cross

Stations will be held on the following dates at 6pm,  
followed by 15 minutes of Adoration and Benediction:

February 20th at St. Anthony’s

February 27th at St. Thomas

March 6th at St. Anthony’s

March 13th at St. Thomas

March 20th at St. Anthony’s



## March 19th ~ Feast Day of St. Joseph

To commemorate the Feast of St. Joseph,  
we will be holding 24 hours of Eucharistic  
Adoration, starting on March 19th at 6pm at  
St. Anthony’s and concluding with Stations  
of the Cross on the 20th. We are looking for  
volunteers to fill up 24 one-hour slots.

Please call the Parish office for more  
information or to sign up.



## April 2nd - April 5th ~ Holy Triduum & Easter

**Holy Thursday,** April 2nd - Mass of the Lord’s Supper  
~ 7pm at St. Thomas of Villanova Church

**Good Friday,** April 3rd - The Passion of Our Lord  
~ 3pm at Our Lady of Grace Church

**Holy Saturday,** April 4th, The Easter Vigil  
~ 8pm at St. Anthony of Padua Church

**Easter Sunday,** April 5th - Masses:

~ 8am at St. Anthony’s ~ 9:30am at St. Thomas ~ 11am at St. Anthony’s



## 2025-26 How We Worship

March 1st - Starting at the 9am Mass  
at St Thomas of Villanova Church, Goshen

## Family Session #6 Sacraments . . . of Healing

Mind: restored, healing, peace, reconciliation, health, love  
Body: relationship, harmony  
Soul: repentance, forgiveness, salvation

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Call or email for more information or to join!

## Food Pantries

We will be supporting two food pantries at Our Lady of  
Grace and St. Anthony’s, and one at St. Thomas. At Our Lady  
of Grace and St. Anthony’s, we will be alternating every  
other month. When the blue bins are out, we will be  
collecting for Helping Hands. When the red bins are out, we  
will be collecting for Litchfield Food Pantry. At St. Thomas,  
we will be supporting the Goshen Food Pantry every  
weekend. Thank you for your support and generosity!

## A Caregiver’s Support Group



Caregiving can be a difficult and lonely journey. Take  
advantage of an opportunity for support and for learning  
with others who are caring for loved ones living with  
dementia.

The Franciscan Life Center is offering a  
Caregiver’s Support Group

**Thursday, February 26, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

**271 Finch Avenue • Meriden, CT 06451**

Registration is required. For more information, or to  
register, please call **203-237-8084**.

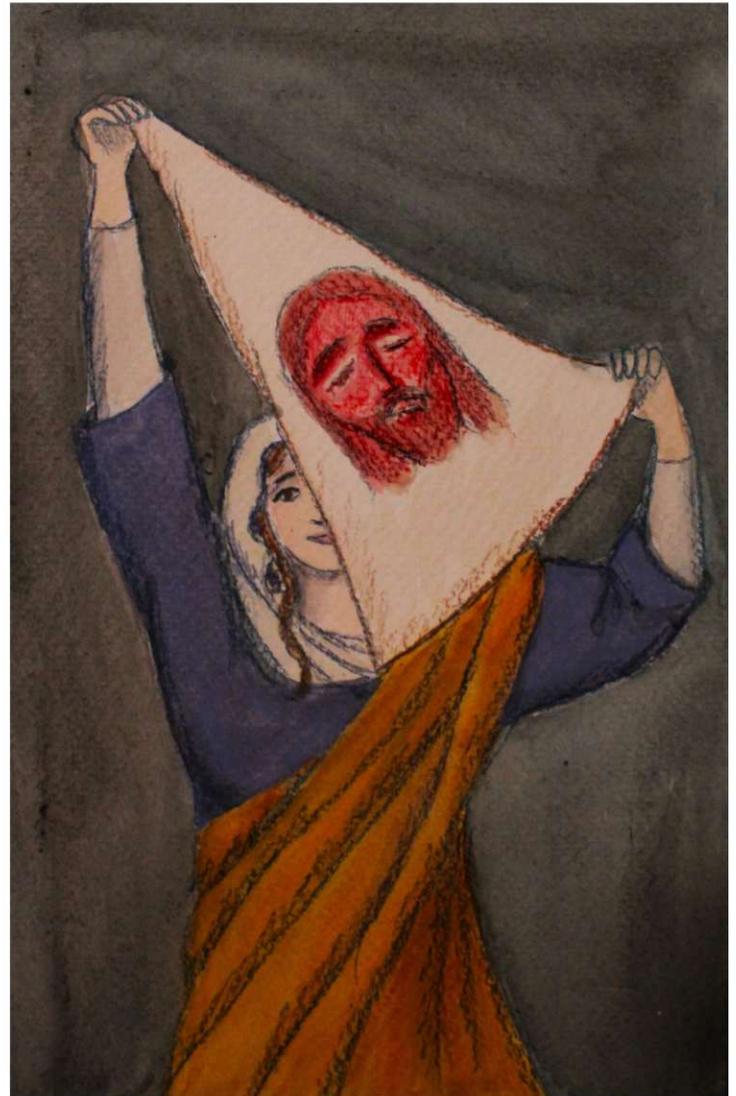
## SAINTS WITH SAL

Saint Veronica comes to us at the sixth station of the cross. Saint Veronica is known as the woman who offered a cloth to Jesus so He could wipe His face on the way to His crucifixion. On Jesus's way to His crucifixion, Veronica, a bystander, was moved with compassion and offered Jesus her veil to wipe the sweat and blood away from His face, and Jesus's face was imprinted onto the cloth. While Saint Veronica is literally lost to history, her story and legend continue to show examples of compassion in Christian life. I painted St. Veronica holding up her veil with the blooded image of Jesus's face on it, showing that Jesus did not hesitate to undergo His passion and death to redeem us by His Most Precious Blood.

~ Sal Devito, Seminarian,  
St. Louis de Montfort Parish



## SAINT VERONICA



### Are You Unaware?

#### Our Baptism into Christ Jesus

A Lenten Day of Prayer  
Saturday, February 21st - 9am - 4pm

Book online or Call the Shrine Office

Montfort Retreat House  
83 Montfort Rd. Litchfield

**\$40.00**

[Shrinelect.org/events](https://shrinelect.org/events)

\*Lunch and refreshments provided.

### Parish Website



### Online Giving



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- Coordinate efforts in fundraising, and the development and maintenance of Two Hearts donor base.

For more information visit...

[TwoHeartsCenter.com/job-opportunities](https://TwoHeartsCenter.com/job-opportunities)

Closing date for submitting an application is **March 1st**



# Branches on the Vine

FEBRUARY 14 - 20, 2026



Parishioners from Sacred Heart Parish in Suffield participate in the mask-making activities during last year's Mardi Gras celebration to kick off the Lenten season. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## MASKS, MUSIC AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT SACRED HEART'S MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

*Fellowship and Faith at Sacred Heart's  
Mardi Gras Celebration*

As winter lingers and Lent approaches, Sacred Heart Parish in Suffield is once again inviting parishioners to gather for a joyful celebration that brings the community together before the reflective season begins. On Feb. 15, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass, parishioners are encouraged to head to the church hall for the second annual Mardi Gras celebration—a lively afternoon of food, music and fellowship.

Mardi Gras celebrations, especially those rooted in New Orleans tradition, are an institution in themselves, culminating with Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday on Feb. 18. At Sacred Heart, the spirit of Mardi Gras is embraced not simply as a party, but as a meaningful pause before the Church enters Lent—a season centered on prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for Easter.

Last year's inaugural event drew between 80 and 100 people, ranging from senior citizens to young families with children, and organizers say the response was overwhelmingly positive.

"I work with a gal who goes to a church in Hartford and one Lent the priest had a Mass on Mardi Gras night and asked people to bring what they were giving up for Lent," Jeanne Forschino, who heads the Sacred Heart Social Committee, explains. "I thought that was a great idea and just think of how this would impact children at the Mass, to visibly see their parents presenting

something and themselves bringing something as well."

Forschino adds attendance is strongest when activities are held immediately after weekend Mass and paired with food, which led the committee to plan a lunch following the final Sunday Mass. After limited participation in a written Lenten intentions book last year, the group will instead invite parishioners to place name tags with Lenten promises into a basket for the altar. This year's celebration will feature a catered meal (tickets are \$15 per adult and \$5 per child) to help cover costs. Tables will include information about Lenten devotions, offering attendees a transition from celebration to reflection.

Forschino notes barbecue food will be served, including pulled pork, smoked chicken, macaroni and cheese (a gluten free option will be available), green beans with almonds, rice and beans, and chicken tenders.

Music will fill the hall thanks to Paul Kulas, a beloved parishioner in his mid-90s who plays saxophone and clarinet, adding warmth and nostalgia to the afternoon. Children will also enjoy activities such as

making Mardi Gras masks and coloring beads to take home.

The event follows a tradition Sacred Heart has been building in recent years: creating opportunities for parishioners to gather beyond Sunday Mass. From barn dances hosted by

parish families to themed dinners for Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day, these events have helped strengthen parish life. Mardi Gras, however, has captured something special.

For Father Joseph Keough, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, the event will be a "fun-raiser" and he credits Forschino's dedication and perseverance. "Jeanne is a very determined person and she's done a fantastic job with it," he adds. As Lent begins just three days later, Sacred Heart's Mardi Gras celebration serves as a notable commencement to the 40 days that recall Jesus' time in the wilderness. For more information or to attend, parishioners may contact Forschino at 860.254.5421.

- Story by Jim Tierney



# Upcoming Events

02/25 WEDNESDAY 6:30PM - 8PM

## ALPHA | READY TO EXPLORE LIFE'S BIG QUESTIONS?

Our Lady of Sorrows Church,  
79 New Park Ave, Hartford

Alpha is a series of conversations that explore life, faith, and meaning. Each session includes a free community meal, a short video, and an open discussion where no question is off limits. It's a safe and welcoming space. No pressure, no judgment, and no cost. Everyone is welcome regardless of background or belief.

Starting Wednesdays, February 25,  
6:30PM - 8:00PM

Register now!  
Questions? Call (860) 233-4424  
or email Rosa at  
rmarcano@olsparish.comcastbiz.net

02/22 SUNDAY 3PM - 8:15PM

## LENTEN RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center,  
303 Tunxis Rd, West Hartford

Join other young adults for an afternoon and evening of prayer, community, and reflection to deepen your Lenten journey. In this retreat, we will ask: how can my Lenten practices become more contemplative? And how, in turn, can my way of living become more contemplative, overall? We will explore the rich tradition of Christian contemplation—from the Desert Fathers and Mothers to the mystics through the ages—to gain insights into the contemplative dimensions of Lent and entirety of the Christian life. The retreat program will include time for personal reflection, small group sharing, community building, a delicious dinner, and Sunday Mass with our regular 7:00 p.m. worshipping community.

Offering: \$50, includes dinner (\$75 more if you can, \$25 less if you can't)

To learn more or register visit:  
[www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar/lenten-young-adults](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar/lenten-young-adults)

SACRED SOUNDS CONCERT SERIES  
presents  
*At the Foot of the Cross*  
a Lenten Choral Meditation  
conducted by Dr. Gabriel Löfvall  
featuring Soli Deo Gloria Chamber Ensemble

First Friday of Lent  
February 20, 2026  
7 o'clock in the evening  
Cathedral of St. Joseph  
140 Farmington Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06105  
Free admission

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph Sacred Sounds Concert Series and the Cathedral Schola Cantorum present: *At the Foot of the Cross*, the first in a series of annual Lenten choral meditations. Through sacred music of the Renaissance, Baroque, and Romantic eras, featuring Allegri's *Miserere*, Rheinberger's *Stabat Mater* and *Abendlied*, and music by Purcell, Palestrina, Byrd, and Durufé, these contemplative choral selections trace the Lenten journey from penitence to quiet hope. The program is conducted by Dr. Gabriel Löfvall, with the Soli Deo Gloria Chamber Ensemble, Cathedral Organist Jacob Dowgiewicz, and soloists from the Schola Cantorum. We invite listeners not simply to hear a concert, but to enter into a shared moment of reflection as the somber Lenten season begins.

For information, go to: [hartfordcathedral.org/concert](http://hartfordcathedral.org/concert)

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## 23rd Annual 3-21-26

- 5 Mile Race
- 2 Mile Race
- 2 Mile Fitness Walk
- Kids Fun Run

Registration and Info:  
[www.ctshamrockrun.com](http://www.ctshamrockrun.com)

## THE PASTOR'S CORNER

My friends, we are in the middle of the Olympics! An opportunity for the world to come together and express true solidarity with one another, sharing with one another their gifts and talents through various events and sport. It is one of my favorite sporting events to watch; and the call for peace at the opening ceremonies was awe-inspiring. This is great news...no....it's INCREDIBLE news! Why? Because the whole world is watching... and... because it is very good.

The goodness that comes from these Olympic Games helps illustrate for us that the goodness of God is there. I say this because there is so much negative information that is published through social media, the news, papers, magazines, internet searches, AI, etc... that it deters us from seeing the world as God wants us to see it. To make matters both good and not so good, we humans are 'information grabbers'. Meaning, we like to know everything! This is not a bad thing, but with the amount of information that is passed, much of it is not so good, it changes our behavior and the way we live. It's good to know and collect information, but its important for us to discern what is good and not so good.

In our second reading today from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians he writes, "...we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory." For many of us, we are challenged with the idea of discernment. To discern something is to make the connection between the mind and the heart, and as Mary did, "ponder all things in her heart." This is so we can make a prudent and wise decision. For many of us, we act and react on impulse and not so much on what our heart is compelling us to do.

It is important to note, however, none of us can fathom the wisdom of God- it is beyond our own scope of things. Many people try, but knowingly or unknowingly, they fail. God is God- no one can withstand his awesomeness! Nonetheless, it is God himself who shares His wisdom with us, first through Jesus Christ, and second, by sending us the Holy Spirit. We cannot know everything, but our pursuit for wisdom should be our 'mind' goal. St Bernadine once said, "In all your actions, seek in the first place the kingdom of God and his glory. Direct all you do purely to his honor. Persevere in brotherly charity, and practice first all that you desire to teach others. By this means the Holy Spirit will be your master, and will give you such wisdom and such a tongue that no adversary will be able to stand against you."

We cannot allow the world to dictate to us how we are to 'discern' what is right, rather we need to allow for God to penetrate our mind and heart so we can be compelled to follow his commandments. So, may we strive to preach the "good news" the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and not the "good news" of the world through discernment within the mysterious and hidden wisdom of God.

-Fr. Matt

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