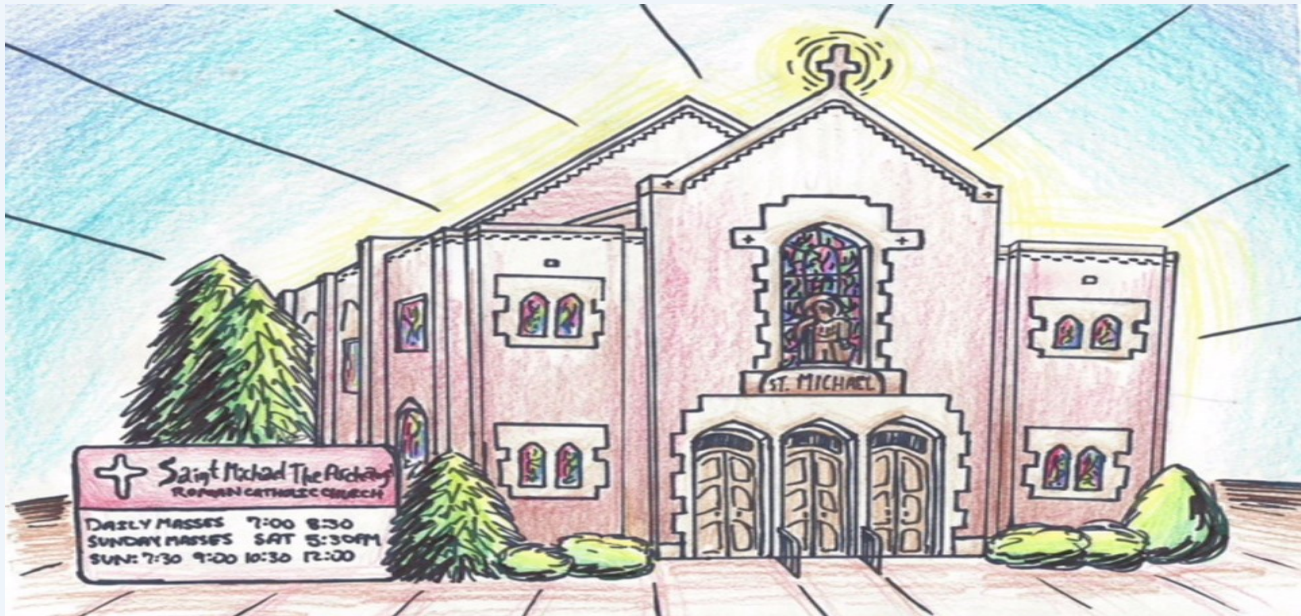


St. Michael's Parish Community

We are Stewards of God's Gifts, Time and Treasure To Build Up The Kingdom



ADDRESS:

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Rectory/Parish Center: 908-688-1232

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu, *Pastor*

Rev. Camilo Lopez, *Parochial Vicar*

Rev. Charles B. McDermott, *Pastor Emeritus*

Deacon Michael Cavallo, *Permanent Deacon*

Mrs. Marilynn Dragone,

Coordinator of Religious Education

Mr. Philip Matrale,

Pastoral Associate for Youth Ministry

Mr. Peter Petrecca, *Music Director*

Mrs. Rebekah Scicolone, *Principal*

MASS

Sundays: 5:30PM(Saturday Evening)

7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM, 12:00 Noon

Daily: Monday thru Friday 7:00, 8:30AM, 12:00 Noon

Saturday: 8:30AM

April 21, 2019
EASTER SUNDAY

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 1:00-2:00PM

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Notify a priest of all who are hospitalized or home bound. Emergencies at any time.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Parish initiates new members on the 2nd Sunday of the month, at 1:30PM, by arrangement. Instruction is on the Friday evening prior to the baptism, at 7:30PM.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Preparations for Christian Marriage begin one year prior to planned date of the wedding. Couples should contact one of the priests.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Contact the Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of Newark at 973-313-6190 or at NewPriestNJ@gmail.com.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church and Catholics who are in need of the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist are welcome to inquire by calling the Parish Center.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

St. Michael's School: An environment for growth in faith, values and knowledge, pre K-8. For further information, call the School Office.

Religious Education: a program of religious instruction, grades 1-8. For further information please call the Religious Education Office.

YOUTH MINISTRY

A comprehensive youth program for all teens from 9th to 12th grade. Our program promotes growth in Catholic values and morals, provides opportunities for Christian service and offers positive social activities. For further information call the Youth Ministry Office.

MISSION STATEMENT


St. Michael the Archangel Parish, a diverse, spiritual community in action, is dedicated to drawing people to Christ, to growing disciples, and to making church and worship matter. We do this (1) through our liturgical worship as we remember and celebrate in memory of Him; (2) through the proclamation of the Good News, as we believe and profess the message of Jesus Christ not only from the pulpit, but also in the way we live our lives; (3) through living out our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure in the service of the needs of our church, the needs of one another, and the needs of those who seek divine help through our doors.



Holy Saturday	April 20
8:30 AM	Morning Prayer/Reflections
12:00 Noon	Blessing of Food
8:00 PM	Easter Vigil
No 5:30 PM Mass	
Easter Sunday	April 21
7:30 AM	For the Parishioners
9:00 AM	For the Parishioners
10:30 AM	For the Parishioners
12:00 Noon	For the Parishioners
Easter Monday	April 22
9:00 AM	Teresita Coullahan
Tuesday	April 23
7:00 AM	Linda Merlucci
8:30 AM	Francis & Claire Gillick
12:00 Noon	Mary Ann Canavan
Wednesday	April 24
7:00 AM	Novena of Masses
8:30 AM	Fidela Dagat (Living)
12:00 Noon	Maria Ribeiro
Thursday	April 25
7:00 AM	Vicente & Rosario Vibar
8:30 AM	Concetta Gutierrez
12:00 Noon	Novena of Masses
Friday	April 26
7:00 AM	Elaine Dempsey
8:30 AM	Rodolfo Perez
12:00 Noon	Nenita Morada (1st Ann) & Sofia Morada
Saturday	April 27
8:30 AM	Maria Tavares
5:30 PM	Alejandro T. Cruz
Sunday	April 28
7:30 AM	Steve Nagy (Living)
9:00 AM	For the Parishioners
10:30 AM	Rodrigo V. Gancia (Living) & Liz Gancia (Living)
12:00 Noon	Manuel Caram

ALTAR OFFERINGS
The Altar Bread, Altar Wine & Sanctuary Lamp are offered for Richard Epifanio & Franca Azoya, requested Clara & Zenaida.

The Paschal Candle is donated by Ed & Katherine Izbicki in

It is not to late to donate for this year's Easter Flowers for the Church in memory of a loved one or in gratitude. Flower envelopes are available in the vestibule and in your collection envelopes. Thank you for your continued support of St.

EASTER SUNDAY

Alleluia! Alleluia! God's love never fails! We rejoice today in the light and love of the Resurrection. From this day until Pentecost, our first readings will be drawn from the Acts of the Apostles, the book which offers insight into the formation of the early church and thoughts and actions of the disciples after the Resurrection. Let us rejoice and be glad that we are a part of the unfolding mystery.

*Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Everyone who believes will receive forgiveness of sins through Christ's name.
 Ps 118 This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!
 Col 3:1-4 Think of what above, not of what is on earth.
 John 20:1-9 Mary of Magdala arrived at the tomb while it was still dark.*

NOVENA OF MASSES – April 2019

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| <i>James Ford, Sr.</i> | <i>Alejandro T. Cruz</i> |
| <i>Jose J. Arnaldo</i> | <i>Ann L. Corrigan</i> |
| <i>Pamela D'Amico</i> | <i>Mary Russomanno</i> |
| <i>Serafina Sauro</i> | <i>Rosemary Sauro</i> |
| <i>Mary & Idolo Russomanno</i> | <i>Craig Calix (Living)</i> |
| <i>Jurusik & Arner Families</i> | <i>John Francis Mahon</i> |
| <i>Felicitas Tan (Living)</i> | <i>Michelene & Joseph Kmetz</i> |
| <i>Chike Melie, Jr.</i> | <i>Chinwe Melie & Children (Living)</i> |
| <i>Frank Rubinetti, Sr.</i> | <i>Pierre & Rubinetti Families</i> |
| <i>Special Intentions</i> | <i>Wieslawa Nnoli</i> |
| <i>Ernie Badiola</i> | <i>Aurora Antonio</i> |
| <i>Ariel D. Paronable</i> | |
| <i>Special Intentions of Kunnath Family</i> | |
| <i>John P. Hynes & Irene C. Hynes</i> | |
| <i>Chinyere G. Odoemene (Living)</i> | |
| <i>Kosiso & Chinedu Akporji (Living)</i> | |
| <i>Kachi Odoemene & Family (Living)</i> | |
| <i>Chisom Odoemene (Living)</i> | |
| <i>Ifeanyi Odoemene (Living)</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Czapl, Leniart & McMahan Families</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Ameruso & Scalgione Families</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Mabalot, Veluz & Tan Families</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Soares, Cruz, Albuquerque & Matos Families</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Dibia & Ekeh Families</i> | |
| <i>Special Intentions for Assumpta & Emmanuel Ekeh</i> | |

We have openings in our Monthly Novena Masses (offering \$10) for the upcoming months. We encourage you to make use of these opportunities to offer the Sacrifice of the Masses for different kinds of intentions — birthdays, anniversaries, healing graces, protection, gratitude to God, progress in our children, work, related promotions, traveling mercies, etc. It is a good spiritual practice. Just come by the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to put in your request.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Easter Sunday No Religious Education	April 21
Easter Monday Parish Center Closed 8:30 AM No Religious Education 7:00 PM	April 22 Rosary, Church Zumba, LC
Tuesday 8:00 AM 7:00-8:15 PM No CYO 7:00 PM	April 23 Rosary, Church Religious Education Bible Study, Rectory
Wednesday 8:00 AM 7:00 PM	April 24 Rosary, Church First Communion Practice (4?27), Church
Thursday	April 25
Friday 7:00 PM	April 26 First Communion Practice (4/28), Church
Saturday 9:00 AM 1:00 PM 5:30 PM	April 27 Zumba, LC Confession, Church First Communion, Church
Divine Mercy Sunday 10:15-11:30 AM 10:30 AM 2:00-4:00 PM	April 28 Religious Education First Communion Divine Mercy Mass, Church

\$50
PER TICKET

ST. MICHAEL PARISH MEGA RAFFLE



MEGA RAFFLE

5 WEEKS = 10 CHANCES TO WIN!

\$5,000 IN TOTAL CASH PRIZES!

Drawings on Wednesdays after the 8:30am Mass and Sundays at 1:30pm

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SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS

ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. St. Michael's is 27% towards our goal of **\$44,721**. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the Church. Please help support the many programs and ministries that assist so many in our community. The Annual Appeal provides the poor with food, shelter and clothing; makes religious education, spiritual guidance and CYO programs available for the young; insures the future leadership of the Church with seminarian education and training; and most important, brings Christ's Good News to the people of the Archdiocese. ***Our parish also benefits by receiving a rebate from the appeal if it exceeds its goal. If we exceed the goal, we will use the rebate towards future projects for the parish.***

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Give and gifts will be given to you...the measure with which you measure will in turn be measured out to you. Luke 6:38

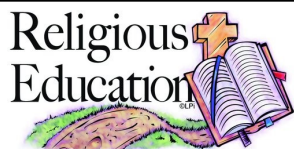
	Week of <u>3/31/2018</u>	Yr. to Date <u>7/1/-3/31/2018</u>
Collections	\$ 8,567	\$ 281,746
Online Collections	\$ 582	\$ 22,091
SOS	\$ 580	\$ 95,656
Online SOS	\$ 1,000	\$ 15,896
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Total	\$ 10,729	\$ 415,389
Budget	\$ 7,781	\$ 410,942
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Difference	\$ 2,948	\$ 4,447

Thank you for your continued generosity!



"SOS COLLECTION"

On the first weekend of each month, the first collection is the "SOS" collection. This collection is dedicated especially for our utility bills. The next SOS collection the weekend of May 4 & 5, 2019. SOS donations are appreciated at all times. Thank you.



Hours for the Religious Education Office are
 Monday through Thursday from
 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
 Other hours are available by appointment.
 Contact Coordinator: Marilyn Dragone at (908) 964-0965.
 We can also be reached via e-mail at smccd@comcast.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS:

There are **NO** Religious Education Classes on
 Sunday, April 21st and Monday, April 22nd.
 Classes resume on Tuesday, April 23rd.

PRACTICE DATES FOR COMMUNION

First Communion: Saturday, April 27th, 5:30 p.m.
Practice: Wednesday, April 24th, 7:00 p.m.

First Communion: Sunday, April 28th, 10:30 a.m.
Practice: Friday, April 26th, 7:00 p.m.

First Communion: Sunday May 5th, 9:00 a.m.
Practice: Wednesday, May 1st, 7:00 p.m.

First Communion: Sunday, May 5th, 12:00 p.m.
Practice: Friday, May 3rd, 7:00 p.m.

You and your child must attend practice. Please be prompt.

RICE BOWLS DONATIONS. Donations can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Center. Religious Education students can give their donations to their catechist. The monies collected are donated to the missions who help people throughout the world.



SAVE THE DATE:
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019, 7:00 PM
MAY CROWNING

The month of May is especially dedicated to the Blessed Mother, and here at St. Michael's we honor her in song and prayer at our May Crowning. **Our new first communicants will be present and are asked to wear their Communion apparel.** Parents attending may bring flowers for "Mary's Garden" if they wish, and place them in the urns in front of the altar. Each child will receive a flower as they process into the Church. This is a very special way to celebrate God's gift to us with the children.

The FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY



will be celebrated at
St. Michael's on
Sunday, April 28th
at 3:00 PM in
Church.

SAVE THE DATE: May 4, 2019

ANNUAL HEALING MASS

On Saturday, May 4th at 11:00 AM, St. Michael's Parish will hold its Annual Healing Mass in the Lower Church. The mass will begin promptly at 11:00 AM with lunch to follow. If you are interested in attending, please call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232 and register so that we may plan accordingly.



EASTER JOY

*Jesus came to earth to show us how to live,
 How to put others first, how to love and how to give.
 Then He set about His work that God sent Him to do;
 He took our punishment on Himself; He made us clean
 and new.*

*He could have saved Himself, calling angels from
 above,
 But He chose to pay our price for sin; He paid it out of
 love.*

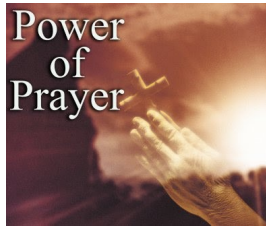
*Our Lord died on Good Friday but the cross did not
 destroy
 His resurrection on Easter morn that fills our hearts
 with joy.*

*Now we know our earthly death, like His, is just a rest.
 We'll be forever with Him in heaven, where life is best.
 So we live our lives for Jesus; think of Him in all we do.
 Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord.
 Help us love like you!*

Time	April 20-21 Easter Vigil/ Easter Sunday	April 27-28 2 nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)
5:30pm	Easter Vigil will be at 8pm. A Signed Up Schedule is at the Bulletin Board in the Sacristy.	1. Alyssa De la Cruz 2. Alexis Artiga 3. Blanca Salas 4. Ana Ruiz
7:30am	1. Uguchi Adibemma 2. Uzonna Adibemma	1. David Bernot 2. Cherry Vibar 3. Jarlene Estopia
9:00am	1. Desi Garcia 2. Jean Felix 3. Alisha James 4. Aidan Perez 5. Nathan De Guzman	1. Megan Felix 2. Julian Felix 3. Jewelz Massicot 4. Joshua Laube 5. Nicholas Laube
10:30am	1. Johnnuel Magno 2. Nwando Melie 3. Ian Galing 4. Michael Durugo 5. Joshua Omoruyi	1. Lorenz Tangub 2. Aidan Perez 3. Samuel Ilagan
12:00 noon	1. Ginika Ozurumba 2. Jerome Fernandez 3. Jianna Fernandez 4. Lorenz Tangub	1. Lance Fernandez 2. Gabriel Castano 3. Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio 4. Reginald Mondesir

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Fr. Lawrence Murphy, Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Joanne Milana Doman & Joseph Doman, Rakoczy Family, Peggy Gehrig, Lucy Scalgione, Mary Ann Flynn, Joyce Toth, Brian Phillips, Lucille Arnaldo, Aname Orillaneda, Barbara Lombardi, Manuel Crudo, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Frances Machado, Flossie Abrigo, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Richard Abrigo, Jean Claude, Carol Nichnadowcz, Augusta Mahon, Claubette Kallabeen. Carol Czapla, Stephen Czapla, Louis Houmis, Clarence Roberts, Francisco Cruz, Jr., Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Illuminda Duyan and Ruth Guido.



Anyone who would like someone to be put on the sick list, please contact the parish center. The names will be left on for one month, unless notified otherwise.

DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially Paul Fonseca, Joseph Almeida & members of St. Michael's Parish.



CYO/Youth Ministry News

cyunion@aol.com



We would like to thank all our members who participated in and were present for our Inspirational "Living Stations of the Cross" on Good Friday Evening. They touched the hearts of many!

Stations Of The Cross

Jesus Christ:..... Jacob Randolph

Mary: Natalie Colon

Soldiers: Rhyan Almonacy Matthew Fazendeiro

Simon: Dylan Perez

Veronica:Wendy Castor

Women of Jerusalem:

Amy Hoang Simone Oropeza Gabriella Valente

Servant:Salome Oropeza

Apostles Dylan Chudzik Nick Mehno Darcy Pedrosa

Voice of MaryLarra Richeme

Readers:

Paula Sefia	Nick SanInocencio	Gabriella Gutierrez
Joseph Matos	Aryanna Perez	Christian Stimms
Ava Moran	Josh Moreira	Lorenz Tangub
Angelica DiStefano	Rhandal Almonacy	Isabella Ushak
Eric Fernandez	Janai Campbell	Justin Novoa

Stage/Lights:.....Michael Kelley

Special thanks also goes to the Friends of CYO Choir for their beautiful Music! God Bless them all!



SAVE THE DATES:

July 22—26, 2019
July 29— August 2, 2019

2019 CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES

We are once again celebrating five (5), twenty-five (25) and fifty (50) years of **Christian** marriage in 2019. The anniversary liturgy will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

April 28, 2019 3:00 PM 50 years (All counties)

June 2, 2019 3:00 PM 5 & 25 years (All counties)

Please call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext 100 to register for the Anniversary Masses.

Message from Pastor



Easter: Teachable Moments in Dealing with Adversity.

By: Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu, Ph.D.

The joy of Easter Sunday takes its full force from Good Friday — the day Christ was crucified, because without Good Friday, Easter Sunday will not be as powerful an event in history as it is today in our lives as Christians. Death does not have the last word; life does.

Life is full of ups and downs, sorrows and joys, adversity and prosperity. As Carl Jung, a prominent psychologist, once observed; “Even a happy life cannot be without a measure of darkness and the word ‘happy’ would lose its meaning if it were not balanced by the word, ‘sadness’.” Just like a bed of roses, there are thorns as well as color and beauty. Truth be told, if we did not sometimes taste adversity in life, prosperity would not be so welcome.

This symbiosis between Good Friday and Easter Sunday teaches us not how to avoid struggles in life but how to deal with them. Many a time, we attempt to deal with suffering with an attitude of apathy — a defeated acceptance of tribulations in life under the assumption that it is God’s will. This kind of outlook only guarantees more defeat because it kills initiative and creativity, defeats hope and the grace of prayer. It denies one the hope of becoming an “overcomer” under the grace of God. It was not the spirit of apathy that got Christ through the crucifixion and unto the resurrection. It was faith in God that did.

We sometimes also may see hardships as situations to be bulldozed over with defiance; with human power, money and influential connections. Such a mindset does not see any “teachable moment” in human tribulations. “It is not by power and might” as Scripture says, “but by the Spirit of the Lord”. Adversity, many a time is a forerunner to prosperity. The experience of tribulation has been known to strengthen the soul, clear up vision, inspire ambition, and lead to greater success.

There is also the temptation to develop an attitude of self-pity in the face of difficult situations. But here is what Scripture says, “No adversity has come to you that is not common to the human race”. All through His journey to the Cross, self-pity was not option for Christ. An attitude of self-pity drains out the power to overcome, inhibits effort and imagination, stifles hope, compromises initiative, while letting despair, hopelessness, and helplessness run wild.

What the resurrection of Christ teaches us is that, in the face of suffering and tribulations, we need to assure ourselves that God’s hand will never cause His child a needless tear. Believing this, what we need to do is to “Settle our situation in our hearts”. The word “Settle from the Greek word “tithemi,” which means to “set” or “put” something in its place. To settle something in the heart is to have an unshakable confidence in God; to deposit it with God and not let even the total collapse of the entire cosmos interfere with it. As Scripture says: “God is faithful and with every temptation, we also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it” (1 Corinthians 10:13). We need to believe in the face of tribulations, that God is preparing a window of escape; His faithfulness will have the last word as it had if for Jesus Christ. He is the “Ancient of Days” — He has done it before, is doing it now, and will do it again.

St. Michael's Parish Community
Cordially invites you to

St. Michael's "FIRST" DANCE For A Cause

Sunday, May 19, 2019 • 4PM–8PM

St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church
1212 Kelly Street, Union, New Jersey
(908) 688-1232

- Donation -
\$30.00 per person
includes admission, food, non-alcoholic beverage
(Cash or Check payable to St. Michael's Church)

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TICKETS \$40
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Evening includes wine glass to be decorated, all supplies and instructions

June 1st 6:30pm-10:00pm

Tickets can be purchased Online @ stmichaelunion.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT TINA SPASSIONE @ TINYA123@YAHOO.COM

COME CELEBRATE

St. Michael's FEAST DAY

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

@
Knights of Columbus

7:00 - 11:00 PM

TICKETS: \$60 PER PERSON

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