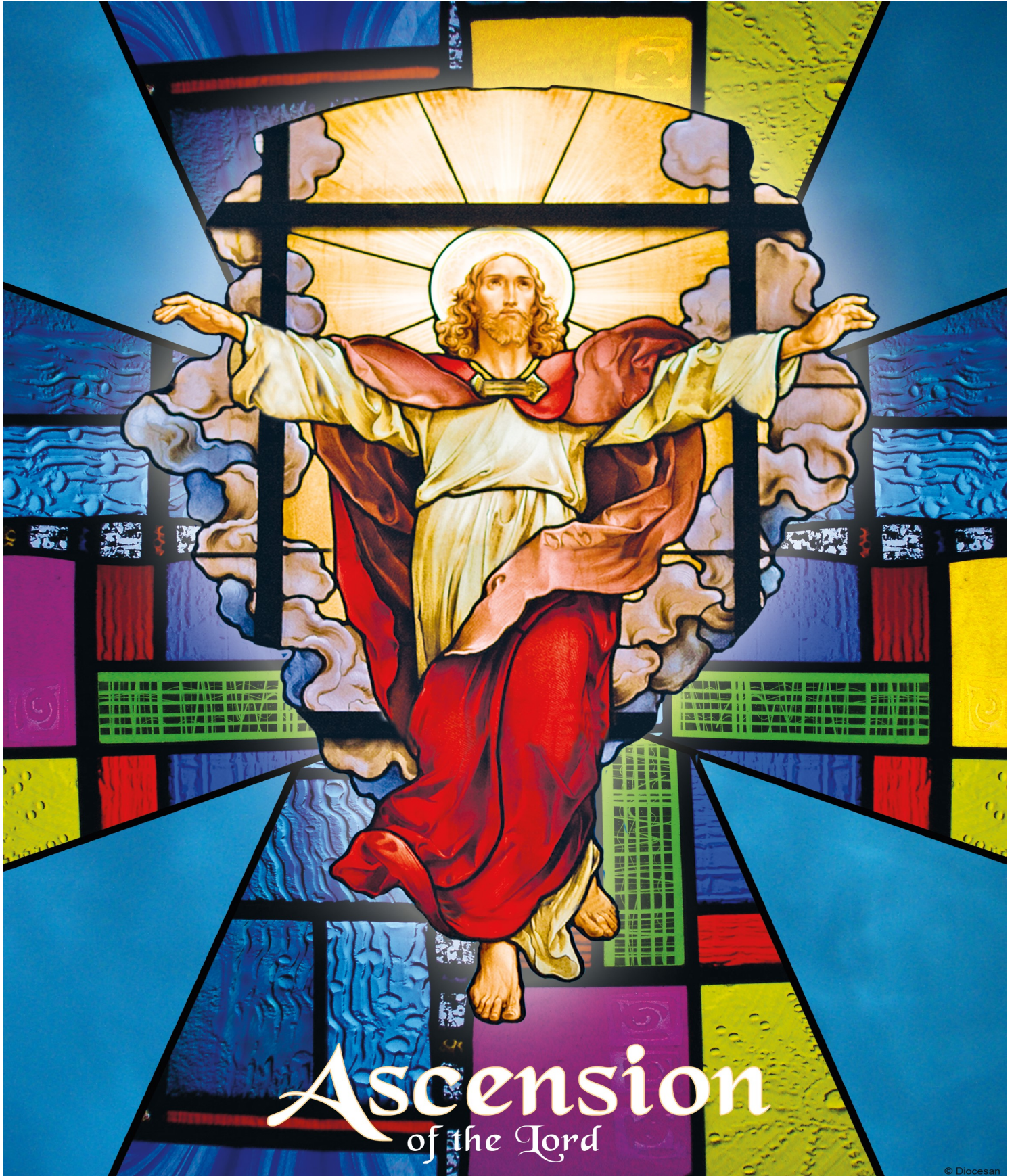


St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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May 29, 2022



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 28

5:00 p.m. Charles & Scott Bowers
(Joan Bowers)

Sunday, May 29

8:15 a.m. Clara Becker
(Joan Demcher)

Sunday, May 29

10:30 a.m. Earl & Florence Tropp

Monday, May 30

9:00 a.m. Deceased of St. John's
(Time Change) Parish Family

Tuesday, May 31

9:00 a.m. St. John's Parish Family

Wednesday, June 1

9:00 a.m. Albert & Regina Schmidt

Thursday, June 2

9:00 a.m. Gary Bradley
(Mickey Holland)

Friday, June 3

9:00 a.m. Edward Hummel
(Tony & Lucilla Kochol)

Saturday, June 4

5:00 p.m. Frank & Josephine Brozana
(Don & Joanne Doyne)

Sunday, June 5

8:15 a.m. Mary Ellen Grabowski
(Stan & Geri Grabowski)

Sunday, June 5

10:30 a.m. Ramon Grapsy
(Joan Grapsy & Family)

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

We are now in the last part of the Easter season. We celebrated the Ascension of our Lord last Thursday. Next Sunday we conclude the season with Pentecost, celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles. Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church because the Spirit breathes life into the community of Jesus' followers.

Because of this, these days between the Ascension and Pentecost is a time to focus on the Holy Spirit. After the Ascension, Mary and the Apostles remained behind closed doors to prayerfully await the coming of the Spirit. This is where we get the custom of praying a novena: nine consecutive days of praying for something.

Between now and next Sunday, Pentecost, consider praying to the Holy Spirit each day. Most of us probably find it easier to relate to Jesus or to the Father in our prayers, but we might not think about the Holy Spirit quite as much. The Holy Spirit is not some impersonal "force." He is a Person: fully God with the Father and Jesus the Son. Pray for His guidance and His life-giving power in the parts of your life where you need Him the most.

In Christ,

Fr. Bobbin



Year of Real
PRESENCE
CENTERED IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Adoration

Join us on **Thursday, June 2nd** for a holy hour in the **main church on the eve of First Friday** from **7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** This will be a formal holy hour ending with Benediction.

A holy hour takes place in the **chapel every Monday evening** (unless announced otherwise) from **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** and **7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** This is a simple holy hour without any formal prayer or Benediction. It is not necessary to come for the entire hour. Just stop by as you desire.

Pray

We remember in prayer those who are ill or recently deceased. We commend to our Divine Lord all of our aged people and those residing in nursing homes.

For our Sick

Sheri Post • Robert Kline • Joanne Schultz

**As he blessed them
he parted from them and
was taken up to heaven.**

Lk 24:51

Upcoming Events

May

29 1-2:30 p.m. Altar Server Practice..... Church

June

7 6:00 p.m. Assumption BVM School Graduation Church

8 8:00 p.m. St. John’s Beneficial Society Mtg..... F.R.

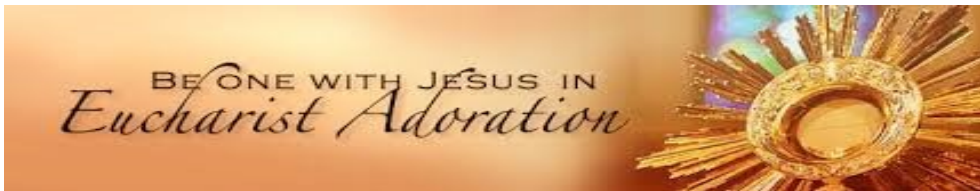
12 5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Day Church

13 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Mtg L.H.

15 7:00 p.m. Catholic Women’s Union Mtg L.H.

L.H. = Longinus Hall F.R. = Rectory Fellowship Room R.B. = Russell Building

Tues. 7:15 p.m. Weekly Men’s Group Zoom
Meeting ID: 824-780-6433 Password: Mary



Eucharistic Day

As our diocese observes the Year of the Real Presence, we will celebrate a Eucharistic Day on **Sunday, June 12**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at the end of the 10:30 Mass. We invite you to spend some time with our Lord in prayer on Sunday afternoon. We will close our day with a Liturgy of the Word and Benediction at 5:00 p.m. We welcome back Fr. Dave as homilist for our closing liturgy.

Altar Server Training

Training for new altar servers will be offered on **Sunday May 29**, from 1:00-2:30 in church for any St. John youth currently in 4th grade or older. Parents are welcome to sit in. Please call the rectory if your son or daughter plans to attend (570-622-5470).

For our Troops

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” (2Chr.7:14 NIV)

Please join us in our prayers for the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States of America and other countries who are now in harm’s way in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other parts of the world. We thank them and their families for their sacrifices. We are grateful for the ultimate price of freedom paid by those fallen.

We pray for strength and courage for the POWs and Missing in Action and those held hostage.

We pray for the protection and safety of selfless relief workers and missionaries who help those in need.

We pray for the protection of children and innocent civilians.

We pray for our nation and our leaders.



Weekly Collection

May 21/22\$4,186.31

Thank you for your sacrificial giving by dropping envelopes at the rectory, by mail and online giving.

Please **do not** use **tape** or **staples** to seal your offertory envelopes

Candles

BVM

1. IMO Frank & Josephine Brozana by Don & Joanne Doyne
2. IMO M/M John J. Carroll Sr. by Family

St. Joseph

1. IMO Theresa Gillis Frantz & Deceased of the Gillis Family by Debbie Matz
2. IMO Charles Bowers by Joan Bowers

Sanctuary

IMO Living & Deceased of St. John’s Catholic Women’s Union by the Catholic Women’s Union

Guardian Angels

1-4. IMO Theresa Gillis & Deceased of the Gillis Family by Debbie Matz

Liturgical Min. Schedule

June 4 — 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Frank Murphy
Euch.Min.: Dan & Hermine Murphy
Servers: Emma Lieberman
Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

June 5— 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Bill Gianfagna
Euch.Min.: Debbie Herb
Servers: Ethan & Ryan Grabowski
Cantor: Dave Derbes

June 5— 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Vince Balulis
Euch.Min.: Justina Majestic
Servers: Kelly, Lauren, Megan Goodman
Cantor: Joanne Matina

Faithful Departed

Please remember in your prayers those who during the past year have completed their pilgrimage of faith on earth.

May 2021—May 2022

- Clara Becker
- Frances Bortzel
- Gary Bradley
- John Centra
- John Dougherty
- Gary Hassenbein
- Mary Ann Holley
- Frederick Hossler Sr.
- Calvin Hoy
- John Kutch
- Dorothy Letcavage
- Frederick Maskerines
- Eliizabath Mohl
- David Musket
- Mary Lou Roeder
- James Siket
- Ralph & Patricia Thomas
- John Woillyung
- Laverne Yackel
- Florence Yeager

Bulletin Boosters

- IMO Carl Bartholomew
- IMO Harold Bartholomew
- IMO Robert Berger
- IMO Edward Christ
- Mildred A. Fredericks
- Fr. Don Henry
- IMO M/M Herbert Henry
- IMO Joanne Hepler
- IMO Clare & Linda Houser
- IIMO M/M James Loeper
- MO Charles Lorenz
- IMO Dorothy Parsick
- IMO Dorothy Rosenberger
- IMO Erika Stangl Seacock
- IMO Margaret Zelinsky
- Living & Deceased of St. John's
- CYO Program

Thank you for supporting our bulletin this month!



Parish Council Nominations

It is now time to nominate new members to the council to fill the places of those whose term has expired. The term of office is three (3) years with the possibility of a second consecutive term

Any parishioner who is at least 21 years old is eligible for nomination. You may nominate yourself or someone else. Please put nominations in the collection basket or mail your nomination to the rectory. When nominating, please don't choose just the most popular people, but choose people who will work for the parish.

We wish to thank the following members who will be completing a three-year term on the Parish Council. They **are eligible** to be nominated for a second three-year term.

Heidi Gorski, Eric Lieberman, Melissa Scheetz, Martin Smith

The following should **NOT** be nominated as they are presently serving or finishing their term:

Term expires 2023

John Consugar, Darren DeArment, Patty O'Neill, Nick Quinn

Term expires 2024

Joseph Gerchak, Joseph Kurtek, Nannette Major, Al Norkus, John Powers

- President: Robert Bechtel
- 1st Vice-President: Kevin McNamara
- 2nd Vice- President: Darren DeArment

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Nomination Ballot

I Nominate:

(a) _____

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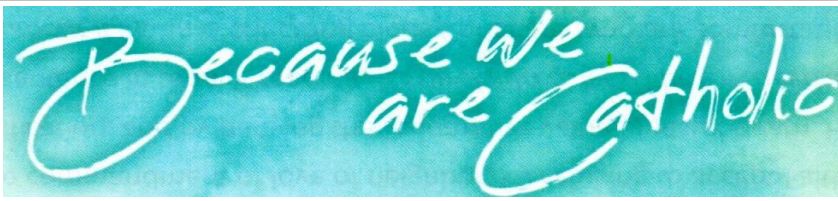
Please return to the Rectory or Collection Basket by Friday, June 3rd.



If you or a family member, friend, or neighbor who is a member of St. John is confined to home, a nursing home or assisted living facility because of illness, age, or disability and would like to receive Holy Communion` on a monthly basis, please call the rectory. We traditionally visit the sick and homebound on or around the first Friday of the month. Please help us meet the spiritual needs of our homebound parishioners.

Prayer for our Troops Around the World

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior."



DIOCESE OF
ALLENTOWN

Funds raised through the Because We are **Catholic Annual Appeal** are directed to Community Services, Education, Vocations and Parish Life programs and activities throughout the Diocese. The distribution of dollars, which are held in a Trust that is restricted for these purposes, is monitored by a group of volunteer Trust Advisors who represent parish communities in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Why does the diocese need to conduct the Annual Appeal?

Through the Annual Appeal, the diocese provides funding for a wide range of services and ministries which are larger than any one parish could support. By coordinating efforts and pooling resources, the diocese enables parishes and parishioners to serve thousands of children, adults, and families throughout Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Schuylkill counties.

Are Annual Appeal Funds used to pay legal fees or settlements from the sexual abuse crisis?

No. The Annual Appeal does not fund legal fees or the independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program for victims and survivors of abuse.

Why should I support the Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal?

Our Catholic family of faith in the Diocese of Allentown is committed to helping those in our community who are most in need. Your support of the Annual Appeal helps to ensure that you, your loved ones, your neighbors, and your co-workers have helped when it is needed. Your gift is an outward sign of your faith in God and the work of His Church.

How does the Appeal support my parish?

The Annual Appeal provides financial support for parish life programs including adult formation, marriage preparation, natural family planning, youth ministry, and outreach to our Hispanic community. Additionally, the Appeal generates incentive rebates for parishes.

How can I make a gift?

For your convenience, pledge forms are available at every parish. You can also make a gift by phone or online

Donate online at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org / Phone 800-831.4443.

Cemetery Burial Plots & Regulations

Burial Plots

Because tragedy can strike at anytime ... when clear thinking and action can be sacrificed to the moment's need ... we want to remind our parishioners and friends that St. John the Baptist Cemetery offers its services whenever that need occurs.

Grave Lots \$ 600.00 each which includes Perpetual Care

Regulations / Guidelines

The following are guidelines established by St. John's Cemetery Committee ...

- * Shrubs are not permitted on cemetery grounds
- * Flowers or plants may be planted in the ground, but must remain within 12 inches of base of memorial. **NO** Perennials are permitted.
- * All artificial decorations must be removed within 14 days after specified holidays which are: Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4, Christmas, etc.
- * Placing of artificial flowers in the ground is forbidden
- * All rubbish is to be taken with you or placed in available receptacles located at top of cemetery
- * Please refrain from placing any tombstone in or on the grounds for one year after a death to allow the ground to settle back to its natural state.

May 29, 2022

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 |
Lk 24:46-53

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

"Praise Jesus." Those two words pack a powerful punch. We often say them with relief on hearing news of a better-than-expected prognosis, celebrating a milestone, seeing a beautiful sunset, or other moments when we feel God's presence. Jesus' ascension to the Father was clearly one of those moments. After Jesus was taken up into heaven, the Apostles "returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God." We might wonder how they could do that, after watching Jesus depart. I think the answer is found in Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. The Apostles had what Paul desired for the people of Ephesus, and for all people: "a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of [Christ]"; enlightened hearts that know "the hope that belongs to his call" for all who believe. The Lord has brought us salvation: "Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Jesus said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." The Apostles took Jesus' words to heart, and we must too. In a homily in 2013, Pope Francis said: "The Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us." As the two men clothed in white reminded the Apostles, Jesus will return. And we know that he is not distant, but that he is fully present to us in a new way. His presence is felt through the workings of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the sacraments.

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT Remember confirmation? A

refresher on the gifts of the Spirit can serve as inspiration when we have a big decision to make or need guidance in our everyday lives: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.



Parochial Administrator *Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin*
Deacon.....*Lawrence Lonergan*

Parish Council President*Robert Bechtel*
Choir Director/Organist*David Derbes*
CCD Coordinator..... *Lucilla Kochol*

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Cemetery Information (570) 622-5470

C.C.D.
All children preparing to receive any sacrament must be in a Religious Education Program for two consecutive years immediately prior to receiving a Sacrament. The child must also be a practicing Catholic.

Certificates of Eligibility
Certificates to act as sponsors, Godparents, etc. will only be issued to parishioners who are formally registered with the church and attend Mass on a regular basis.

Bulletin Deadline
Monday prior to publication

New Parishioners
Please call the rectory for an appointment to register.

Sick Calls
Please notify the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays..... 4:15 to 4:45 p.m..
Sundays 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 to 10:15 a.m..
or by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage
Please call the Rectory one year in advance.

Sacrament of Baptism
Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 11:30 a.m.
Baptismal Preparation for Parents must precede the Baptism.
Please contact Father Bobbin for an appointment.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator
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