Learning and Life

Is learning important? Moses sure thought so! “Hear ... what I am teaching you to observe, that you may live....” Last weekend it was Peter we heard from: “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

Here at St. Louis we believe learning is important, and it shows.

Over the summer, great effort went in to ensuring that our school will be ready to open its doors, welcoming children from pre-school through 5th grade to the great adventure of learning in a faith-filled, loving environment. Our new Religious Education Director, Michelle, has hit the ground running, getting everything ready for our Faith Formation programs as well.

With Robin stepping down from our Crossroads Junior High program, we have taken the opportunity to design a new full time position, with responsibility for Junior and Senior High, plus Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation. New diocesan guidelines integrate Confirmation Preparation across eighth and ninth grade, with expanded catechetical expectations. This new full time position, combining two part time positions, plus Confirmation responsibilities will ensure a smooth implementation of the changes required for Confirmation, such as charting out modules well in advance, so that a candidate with a conflict for a session in one parish can find an alternate opportunity in a neighboring parish.

Learning doesn’t end with Confirmation. You will discover a whole spectrum of adult opportunities to learn, grow and have life: Bible studies, discussion groups, guest presenters, multi-media events, and of course, this very bulletin. This Fall holds great promise. Don’t miss out! Watch for opportunities, and be sure to mark your calendar. We Believe. We Belong. We Learn!

I Know You!

Speaking of dates to include in your calendar, can I make a special request that you schedule one the week of September 9-12? Many individuals and families have already had their photo taken for our new Parish Pictorial Directory. Thank you all! But until YOU make an appointment to have your photo taken, the Directory will be incomplete. The directory is extremely helpful for everyone to be able to put a face to a name, and with a few new folks on staff, having an up to date, complete photo directory will be especially useful. Please sign up this week for a time slot, and help us move this project to a successful completion.

God bless you and those you love as we begin to say goodbye to the summer, and launch into a terrific new academic year! Peace, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - AUGUST 31
1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30
11:00 am Martha Serio - Family
5:15 pm Lucy Mancuso - Mary & John Brand

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 1
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
6:45 am Ada Oshinski - Mark Pignagrande
11:00 am Violet Panek - Family

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 2
Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
11:00 am June McHugh - Dr. Joe McHugh
2:30 pm Mass at the Highlands Living Center for the People of Our Parish
5:15 pm Irene DeSantis - Eileen Kremer

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 3
Feast of St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
6:45 am Anthony Foti - St. Louis Men’s Group
11:00 am Leo Wesley - Betty Hurley

FIRST FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 4
Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
11:00 am Special Intention (Anniversary) - Family
1:00 pm Mass at the Highlands for the Residents and Staff
5:15 pm Sue & Floyd Sharp - Marilyn Penzimer

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 5
Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5
9:00 am Hazel Welch - Mary & Tom Diamond
4:30 pm William, Ann & Heather Maloy - Maloy Children & Shelter Grandchildren

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 6
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
7:30 am J. Mark Ordy, PhD - Family & Friends
9:00 am Jane Lennox - Mark & Kris Birmingham -
11:00 am Elizabeth Heveron - The Mattina Family
5:00 pm Marian Thieme - Joe & Gerry DiNoto

Special Intentions

We invite you to have a Sanctuary Lamp lit at the Blessed Sacrament to have your very special intentions remembered for a week. To arrange this, please call or visit the Ministry Center. The Thursday Holy Hour Ministry will offer special prayers for your intention.

One lamp will burn for Veronica Heydens
By Peggy O’Neil Midgley.

All are welcome to spend an hour this September 4, for First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between 11:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Requiem Aeternam
Ada Oshinski
John Connolly
Tony Foti
Gloria Hettrich

Saturday & Sunday, September 5 & 6

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Sunday Communion Service - September 6

The Highlands: Dick Lenio  Heather Heights: Pete & Gerry Shea
Looking Out For Us

It isn’t the way we usually look at things. In our first reading this weekend, Moses makes several vital points. The Commandments, God’s Divine Revelation, teaching that we find in the scriptures – these are precious, priceless gifts. They lead to life. Speaking to folks who had been refugees, wandering in the desert, Moses promises that if they observe what the Lord teaches, they will no longer be strangers in an alien land. They will be at home in the land God gave them. He also points out how just God’s statutes and ordinances are. Follow them, and we will know that we are just. The commandments and ordinances are also rooted in wisdom, and those who observe them will prove themselves wise. Most importantly, it isn’t just about justice and wisdom. Observing God’s teaching leads us so close to the Lord, our God that we will be amazed, and so will others. Read the passage a few times. Let it tweak the way you see the commandments, so that you can appreciate them as a priceless gift.

Introducing James

This weekend we begin, and over the next five weeks we will be hearing from the Letter of James. This Epistle weaves pastoral practice, prophecy and teaching together, to help Christians embrace a courageous faith that will help them cope with life’s trials and challenges. We will see how consistent Pope Francis’ concern for the poor is with scripture, and these second readings will be great preparation for the Year of Mercy. Does drama help bring the Word to life for you? After hearing from James through the Fall, in November Frank Runyeon will bring the message to life performing: James: Works of Mercy. Mark your calendar now for the evenings of November 20 & 21!

Blessed Are the Pure of Heart

There were good Pharisees, who had pure hearts. They wanted to do what was right and observe God’s teaching. But at times, some of them were so concerned not to cross the line, that they ‘built a fence around the law’. What does that look like? If it is necessary for the priest to wash his hands before offering a sacrifice in the Temple, then everyone should wash their hands before eating, just to be safe, and not get close to breaking a law (it wasn’t about hygiene, it was about ritual purity). Such an approach isn’t bad in itself, but it can lead to being too wrapped up in externals, in what other people see. Morality, goodness really start, not on the outside, but on the inside. Want your relationship with Christ to grow? Talk over with Him in prayer, or in your journal, how things are going inside.

Understanding Bible Study

What is Bible study? Bible study can take many forms, but no matter how it is structured, or how it is led, some things are reliable. Bible study provides a place to discover how other people hear and read the Bible. At Mass, God’s Word is proclaimed to the community. Bible study is a place the community can share with one another what they hear, how it engages the heart and mind, gain insight, and be inspired by one another. It can also provide a place to let scholars, Saints and Church Fathers teach us.

When people become self-centered and self-enclosed, their greed increases. The emptier a person’s heart is, the more he or she needs things to buy, own and consume. It becomes almost impossible to accept the limits imposed by reality. In this horizon, a genuine sense of the common good also disappears....

Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start. Pope Francis, Laudato Si’

"You are kindly asked to offer prayers for those who tragically lost their lives or were injured in the violence that erupted on August 19 in Rochester, as well as prayers for their families and the community. May the Prince of Peace, the Christ of the Eucharist, bring peace and reverence for every person created in God's image."

~ The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano
Bishop of Rochester
A Prayer for Our Parish
My church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble purpose, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be. Amen.

Sign Me Up!
When you come to Mass, do you realize you have found something that has been missing in your life? Do you leave feeling uplifted, ready to do a better job living the next week? Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic, but aren’t sure where to start? Don’t keep wondering. Please speak with Fr. Bob; you can also call (586) 248-6237 or e-mail Fr. Bob (ring@dor.org) or Cris Wensel, our Pastoral Associate (cwensel@dor.org), and see about taking the next step in your journey of faith. We would love to have you become part of the family!

ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER (EFT)

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A Prayer for Our Parish

Supporting Our Parish

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On-line Collection

Month-to-Date $54,245.67

Next Week’s Tithing Will Support Elderberry Express

What is the Elderberry Express? The Pittsford Interfaith Coalition on Aging launched this transportation service for Pittsford senior citizens in 1987. The aim of this service has been to assist Pittsford seniors in remaining independent in their “home setting” as long as possible. This enables seniors who can no longer drive to maintain a sense of independence. The service is provided Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Elderberry Express is now in its 28th year of service.

Many clients have expressed their appreciation for the more meaningful life that Elderberry Express helps provide for them. People living longer has created an increasing need to provide transportation for senior citizens to get to their medical appointments, grocery shopping, hair appointments, banking activities, etc. In 2014, drivers drove over 41,900 miles. The success of Elderberry Express has always depended on volunteers – volunteer drivers and dispatchers. Their operating expenses continue to rise. For instance, vehicle insurance is currently more than 60% of what Elderberry paid in 2010. Contributions from the Interfaith Coalition is a major part of this service of great value that Elderberry Express provides to the Pittsford community. Questions? Call Elderberry Express at (585) 248-6237.

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Mark Your Calendar:

St. Louis' 44th Annual Corn Sale
Saturday & Sunday, September 12 & 13
after all masses to benefit
Fr. Rick Frechette's efforts at
St. Damien Pediatric Hospital in Haiti

When visiting the Powers Market on Marsh Road, please thank them for their generous 100% donation of corn which their family picks fresh & delivers to church before each mass.

This Week’s Tithing Will Support
Focus Pregnancy Help Center

Next Week’s Tithing Will Support
Elderberry Express

August 30, 2015
IMPORTANT PARENT MEETING
We are asking one parent from each family with children in Pre-K through 12th grades to attend a meeting on either Monday, August 31st at 7:00pm or Thursday, September 3rd at 7:00pm in Church with Michelle Andrews-Smith and Father Bob. We will be discussing the upcoming changes to the Sacramental policies, catechetical requirements and changes in our Youth Ministry programs. The information to be shared is critical for parents with children of all ages, therefore, attendance at this meeting is encouraged and expected. Please contact Michelle or Father Bob if you have any questions in regards to this meeting. See you there!

WE KNOW YOU CAN!
Of course you want your church to be a place where children come to know Jesus through religious education teachers who care about them! How can you make sure it happens? Step up to the plate. Bring your love and care, learn about how faith is passed on. We’ll help you with materials, preparation, prayer and tons of moral support. You can do it, we know you can. Please step forward in faith. Contact Michelle Andrews-Smith at the Ministry Center 586-5675 ext. 233 or at mands@do.org for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORMS DUE SEPTEMBER 1
Registration forms for all teens in grades 9-12 have been mailed out. As a reminder, all 9th graders must be registered and attending our High School program as part of Confirmation preparation. All forms need to be returned no later than September 1st. If you haven't received one or if you have any questions, please call Michelle Andrews-Smith.

GODSPEED
Though Dan McBride will always have a big place in his heart for our young people, he has shared that he is not interested in expanding his role to a full time position, or taking on the challenges of the new Confirmation curriculum. God bless you Dan, for the passion you have brought to serving our teens! Watch for details on a farewell celebration.

I MISSED OUT
Did you miss out on being confirmed when you were younger? Confirmation, the completion of the Sacraments of Initiation is not just for teens! This Fall we have a process scheduled for adults who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Learn more about the impact the Holy Spirit can have in our lives, complete your initiation into the life of Christ; you will also then be qualified to be a godparent or Confirmation sponsor. For information, or to sign up, contact Cris Wensel, cwensel@do.org or 586-5675, ext. 224.

“In learning you will teach, and in teaching you will learn.”
~ Phil Collins

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FOR 2015-2016 HAS CLOSED!
If you have any questions please contact Michelle Andrews-Smith at 586-5675 (Ext. 233) or email mands@do.org.

WHAT IS CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD?
Children can pray and can learn about scripture, if their age and ability are taken into account. So at Children’s Liturgy of the Word, children typically hear the Gospel and one reading in a child-friendly translation. The leader helps them understand the Bible reading, they pray, and then return to join the rest of the congregation. Parents or grandparents – be sure to send the younger set to this great way to pray with peers and grow into faith!

SAINT’S PLACE TUTORING PROGRAMS
WHEN: Tuesdays or Thursdays from 4:45 – 6PM
SHARE: Tuesdays – Starting September 22 at Good Shepherd School, 3318 East Henrietta Road
Thursdays - Starting September 24 at Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Spirit, 835 South Ave
ORIENTATION: For all new (mandatory) and as well as returning tutors at St. Louis Church - Parish Meeting Hall Thursday, September 10 from 5 - 6PM followed by pizza
RSVP: or, if you have any questions contact Geri Dolan at gdola45@rochester.rr.com or 278-8244.
This experience will enrich your life, as well as your students’ lives!
Pope Francis recently declared September 1 as World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation, which has been commemorated in the Orthodox Church for over 20 years. The Holy Father, quoting from his encyclical Laudato Si, writes:

The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to **renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation**, raising to God our thanks for the marvelous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking His help for the protection of creation and His mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live.

The celebration of the Day on the same date as the Orthodox Church will be a valuable opportunity to bear witness to our growing communion with our Orthodox brothers. We live in a time where all Christians are faced with identical and important challenges and we must give common replies to these in order to appear more credible and effective. Therefore **it is my hope that this Day can involve, in some way, other Churches** and ecclesial Communities and be celebrated in union with the initiatives that the World Council of Churches is promoting on this issue.

As Christians we wish to offer our contribution towards overcoming the ecological crisis which humanity is living through. Therefore, first of all we must draw from our rich spiritual heritage the reasons which feed our passion for the care of creation, always remembering that for believers in Jesus Christ, the Word of God who became man for us, “the life of the spirit is not dissociated from the body or from nature or from worldly realities, but lived in and with them, in communion with all that surrounds us.” (Laudato Si, 216).

**The ecological crisis therefore calls us to a profound spiritual conversion:** Christians are called to “an ecological conversion whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them.” (Laudato Si, 217). Thus, “living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.” (Laudato Si, 217).

SAVE THESE DATES

The Year of Mercy—We Prepare!
Mark Your Calendars Now!
You Won’t Want to Miss These Events!

“I am convinced that the whole Church – which has much need to receive mercy, because we are sinners – will find in this Jubilee, the Year of Mercy, the joy to rediscover and render fruitful the mercy of God, with which we are all called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time.”

~~ Pope Francis

You are invited to join us for two outstanding “Year of Mercy” kick-off” events at St. Louis Church, Pittsford

Watch for More Details Next Week!!!!

2015 Fruit of the Vine Conversation Series

“How far can a soul ascend if it lets itself be possessed entirely by God?”

The question that guided Blessed Oscar Romero’s Life and Mission

Tuesday, September 15th
St. Louis Church, Pittsford
Parish Meeting Hall

7:00pm: Wine and Cheese Reception
7:30pm: Presentation

A limited number of Damian’s book “Archbishop Oscar Romero-A Disciple Who Revealed the Glory of God” will be available for purchase and signing

Dr. Damian Zynda is Director of Formation at the Church of the Transfiguration in Pittsford, NY. She earned a doctorate in Systematic Theology and Christian Spirituality from the University of St. Michael’s College at the Toronto School of Theology in 2004. She is on faculty in the Christian Spirituality Program at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska and St. Meinrad’s School of Theology and Seminary in Southern Indiana.

She is a frequent presenter at national and international conferences and has directed retreats across the USA, Canada, Spain and Ireland. She has published several articles in her areas of expertise and is the author of Archbishop Oscar Romero - A Disciple Who Revealed the Glory of God, her first book published by the University of Scranton Press.

Monday, October 26
7:00pm ~ 8:30pm

Father Jacek Mazur & Rick Paulini from Catholic Radio will speak on “The Virtue of Mercy In Our Lives”

Friday & Saturday, November 20 and 21 (time to be announced)

A Two-Night Mission With Frank Runyeon
Pastoral Care Needs Your Help!

We are in need of volunteers willing to give one hour each month to provide Sunday communion services at two of our local assisted living facilities. Each Sunday, parishioners from St. Louis provide a short communion service at The Highlands of Pittsford and Heather Heights. Here is what you are asked to do:

- Pray with residents
- Read Sunday scripture
- Share a brief reflection on those readings
- Distribute the Eucharist to those in attendance

Training and shadowing are provided. Readings and reflection material is also provided. The services are at 10:30am on Sundays. If we have the help of just a few more individuals or couples, we may be able to schedule you for once every 6 weeks. For more information please contact Cris Wensel at cwensel@dor.org or call the Ministry Center, 586-5675, ext. 224.

Beginning Experience is a peer support group for separated, divorced and widowed adults. The weekend program helps deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for dealing with the pain and loss and moving into the future with renewed hope. **Our next weekend will be at Camp Stella Maris on Conesus Lake October 16-18.** For more information contact Beginning Experience at (585) 987-1750 or visit www.beginningexperiencerochesterny.org.

Magnificat Rochester Breakfast Program
Saturday, September 26, 9:30 am - Noon
Holiday Inn Rochester Airport
911 Brooks Avenue, Rochester
Guest Speaker: Patty Schneier

Magnificat Rochester invites all women to a full course breakfast on Saturday, September 26, 2015; program begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at Noon at the Holiday Inn Rochester Airport, 911 Brooks Ave., Rochester.

**Come and be inspired by our guest speaker, Patty Schneier,** a life-long Catholic, housewife, and mother of three from the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Using song, scripture, and writings from her journal, Patty shares the story of her challenge to God and His daily response. The results were life changing!

Confessions will be heard at 8 a.m. and again at the end of the program. **Early Reservations $18.00; after Sept. 21st $20.00; Student $10.00; Clergy & Religious complimentary.** Registration required; no tickets sold at the door. To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number and email address. You can also register via PayPal on our website at www.MagnificatRochester.org. For more information: call Kathy Murty at 436-1284, or send an email to: MagnificatRochester@frontier.com

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Men: Great Retreat Opportunities!

Retreats take a variety of forms, and there are two coming up this Fall for men. On **October 16**, men of our parish are invited to a **weekend retreat** at Notre Dame Retreat House on Canandaigua Lake. For more information, feel free to contact Rick Whelehan at wheels282@rochester.rr.com.

A men's Cursillo is also coming up, **Men's 90, November 12-15**. Just what is a Cursillo weekend? Fr. Bob or Msgr. Krieg would be glad to explain.

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Pastoral Care Committee

The Pastoral Care Committee is gearing up for the new year with its first meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 17 at 9:30 am in the Parish Meeting Hall. Our meetings are brief, fun and usually last only one hour. We will be planning the All Souls' Day Mass and reception scheduled for Monday, November 2, and activities during Advent including cards for the homebound and poinsettia delivery. We will be discussing our new bereavement ministry and also the need for additional extraordinary communion ministers at our assisted living facilities.

Please consider joining our committee and offering your service to this very important ministry. Please contact Cris Wensel, Pastoral Associate at cwensel@dor.org or call 586-5675 ext. 224, or Peggy O'Neil Midgley at pomidgley@yahoo.com or 383-8879.

Dear Fr. Bob & Parish Family,

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for the generous tithe to our ministry. Our mission & ministry continues because of generous donors like your parish. We are most grateful for your support and prayers.

In Mercy,
Karen Kosciolek, Executive Director
Mercy Spirituality Center
**THE LAST WORD**

The William H. Shannon Chair in Catholic Studies at Nazareth College presents the 2015-2016 Lecture Series

**“Mercy, Always, in Everything Mercy”**

**JOHN DEAR, SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2015**

“Disarming the Heart, Disarming the World: The Peacemaker’s Work Today”
7:00 p.m., September 10, 2015
Forum, Otto A. Shults Community Center

“Peace Be With You: Practicing Nonviolence in a World of Violence and War”
1:30 p.m., September 11; 2015
Linehan Chapel, Golisano Academic Center

**TINA BEATTIE, OCTOBER 22-23, 2015**

“Mothering and Mercy: A Theological Reflection on Marian Art and Pope Francis’s Theology”
7:00 p.m., October 22, 2015
Linehan Chapel, Golisano Academic Center

“Bringing Women’s Gifts to the Table”
1:30 p.m., October 23, 2015
Linehan Chapel, Golisano Academic Center

**TIMOTHY RADCLIFFE, O.P., FEBRUARY 11-12, 2016**

“Keeping Hope in the Desert: What Our Brothers and Sisters in Iraq Can Teach Us”
7:00 p.m., February 11, 2016
Forum, Otto A. Shults Community Center

“Is Mercy about Forgetting?”
1:30 p.m., February 12, 2016
Linehan Chapel, Golisano Academic Center

**EMMANUEL KATONGOLE, APRIL 7-8, 2016**

“Reconciling Tenderness: On Learning Mercy from God”
7:00 p.m., April 7, 2016
Forum, Otto A. Shults Community Center

“Planting Tenderness: *Laudato Si’* and the Bethany Land Institute in Uganda”
1:30 p.m., April 8, 2016
Linehan Chapel, Golisano Academic Center

**Holy Sepulchre Cemetery & St. Bernard’s School of Theology & Ministry Presents**

**End of Life Issues**

*Religious Beliefs, Traditions & Myths Surrounding Death, Dying and Grief*

**September 16: Christian Wake, Funeral Mass and Burial**

The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano
Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester

6:30 p.m. at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery
2461 Lake Avenue, Rochester, 14612
(458-4110)

*The lectures are all free and open to the public, however pre-registration is required. Register on-line at www.stbernards.edu or by calling (585)271-3657.*

**The Kindness people have done crosses their path later on; should they stumble, they will find support.” ~ Ben Sira 3:31**

**GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP**

**Begins Tuesday, September 15**

**Church of the Transfiguration**

A newly formed Grief Share Support Group begins at the Church of the Transfiguration on Tuesday, 9/15/15. Grief Share is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life’s most difficult experiences of losing a loved one. The program offers caring and informative videos, workbook and shared conversation with each session. Unexpected things may come up and you will find encouragement and help whenever you attend.

Join us for this thirteen week program on Tuesdays from 12:30PM – 2:00PM in our Parish Life Center. Materials cost - $15.00. Please stop by the parish office to register, mail your registration to Church of the Transfiguration, 50 West Bloomfield Road, Pittsford, NY 14534 or contact Margie Benza at 248-2427 ext. 244 or margie4@frontiernet.net. Registrations are due by 9/10/15.
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