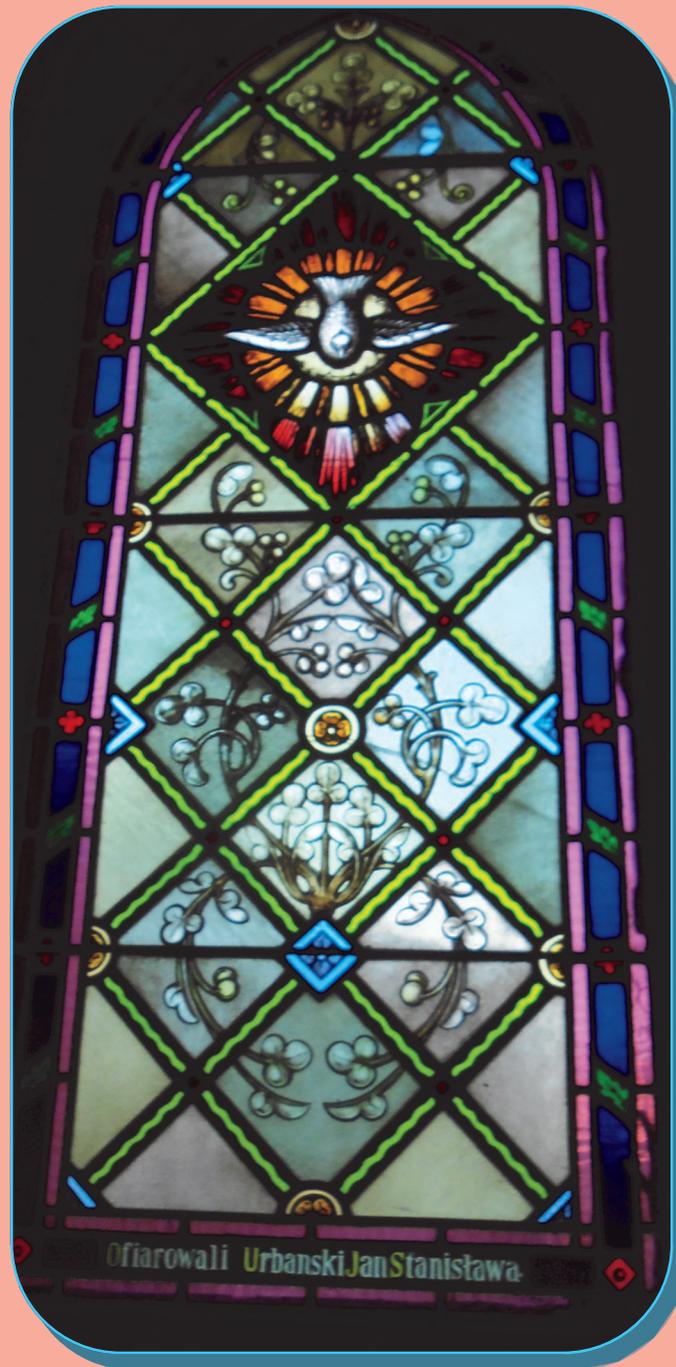


Pentecost Sunday
May 15, 2016



St. Hedwig Church

Saint Patrick Parish

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Serving the East Bayfront of Erie since 1837

Daily Mass 8 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM

Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM

Sunday 8 AM & 10:30 AM

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is the Feast of Pentecost and our Sunday readings begin with Acts of the Apostles. "Pentecost" is the Greek name for the Jewish "Feast of Weeks" that celebrated God's giving of the Law to Moses on Mt. Sinai. During the celebration, the Spirit's sudden arrival surprised all who had gathered: the newly reconstituted "Twelve," and an additional one hundred disciples who included Mary, the mother of Jesus. Ten days before, the apostles bid farewell to Jesus and received their mandate to witness to him to the ends of the earth. Now, his promise of "another advocate" is fulfilled. The Spirit comes upon them not as a "tiny whispering sound" which was the prophecy in I Kings, but as a rushing, violent wind that shakes the house and makes their hearts tremble. They lose control of their tongues and utter words they do not know, manifesting the Spirit at work. Since Pentecost required every adult Jewish male to pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast, the men hear words that each can understand in his own language.

Today's brief second reading reinforces the first reading, that we are one in God's Holy Spirit. Paul notes that each of us exist to serve one another.

In our gospel we meet the apostles, still on Easter Sunday, who are locked away in fear and Jesus appears in their midst and offers them the peace that only he can bring. He bolsters their faith by showing them his hands and his side. No sooner is Jesus recognized than he commissions them to go forth. We read that he "breathes" on them, an image that conjures God the Creator breathing life into Adam. Just as God gave life to Adam, now Jesus gives new life to these disciples. And as he imparts his Spirit to them, he bestows on them the power to forgive sin. The Risen Lord not only wished them peace, but he now

gives them the surest way to sustain it.

Archbishop Paglia, head of the Vatican Congregation for the Family, has issued a document commenting on the recent papal document on marriage and the family. He makes some very interesting observations. He writes that the papal document is the "basis for a new relationship between Church and family. The lives of families are not to be primarily a series of moral questions the church must answer, they are to be the wellspring of a lively faith that brings God's love to mankind."

He continues, "Sadly there are some who would like the church to be a courtroom...that accuses, a prosecutor who gathers evidence of transgressions without taking into account the unfortunate circumstances of life or the difficult choices we make. That view is one-sided and forgets that the Church has been commissioned by the Lord to be courageous and strong in its protection of the weak, in forgiving wrongs, in healing wounds." He writes toward the end of his document that "marriage is indissoluble, but the bond between the Church and her children is even more so an indissoluble bond that cannot be broken."

Isn't it wonderful that, thanks to the leadership of Pope Francis, the Church is moving away from judgement and condemnation of people to being what he calls a "field hospital," a place where people come to experience healing, mercy, forgiveness and acceptance. And that applies to everyone.

We received a check from the Saint Vincent Health System Community Service Fund for \$1,715.00 to the Saint Patrick Food Pantry. This fund is supported by the employees at Saint Vincent's and then offers funding grants to various charitable organization. At their recent board meeting, the board voted unanimously to allocate this money to our Food Pantry.

From the Pastor's Desk continued.....

One of the issues each parish is being asked to explore as part of our Pastoral Planning process is "how can we better cooperate together?" In reviewing our efforts at St. Patrick's in this direction, we noted our participation in the Eastside Religious Ed program. All of the parishes on the east side of the city come together to support and finance a religious ed program for our children. Another area in which we cooperate is in the Homeless Shelter in which we have worked closely with St. Jude's in providing a two week window of shelter in February each year. Another area is our festival where we have worked closely with Holy Trinity parishioners through their invaluable assistance as we began having a street festival and our helping to staff their festival. An area that we could consider for the future would be making our annual Scripture classes available for all eastside parishes, perhaps joining together in RCIA, etc.

It is so nice seeing the cooperation between parishes and the wide-spread support for the pastoral planning process. There are some hiccups and they're being nicely discussed with some positive suggestions for solutions. There couldn't have been any major surprises in the plan as we have been talking about this for years.

A while back, I was sitting on the edge of the bed, watching my wife who was looking at herself in the mirror. Since it was her birthday, I asked her what she'd like. "I'd like to be eight again," she replied, still looking in the mirror. On the morning of her birthday, I got up early, made her a nice bowl of Coco Pops and then took her to Adventure World theme park. I put her on every ride, the Death Slide, the Wall of Fear, the Screaming Roller Coaster, everything there was. Five hours later we staggered out of the park and I took her to McDonald's and ordered a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake. Then it was off to the movies, popcorn, a soda, etc. Finally she wobbled home and collapsed on the bed. I leaned over and with a big smile lovingly asked her, "Well, dear, what was it like being eight again?" Her eyes slowly opened and her expression changed. "I meant my dress size, you idiot." The moral of the story: Even when a man is listening, he is going to get it wrong.

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Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Mary L. Zielinski** requested by Linda Ciotti.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Helen Zielinski** from Bobby Sulecki.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Regina Loncki** from Irene Mielnik.

Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

The offertory for the last week was \$545. Thank you and God Bless!

Catholic services Appeal—

We have received \$8,175 in pledges. We still need \$2,735 to reach our assigned goal. Please make a pledge to help your parish fulfill this commitment. Thanks for your help.

People for Life—

Thank you to all who supported the People for Life flower sale on Mother's Day. We made \$153.

Masses celebrated at the Priest Retirement Home—

Richard Dombkowski (Lucille & Bob Wagner), Peter Zielinski (Ted & Francis Fish), Chet Loncki (Heidi & Ray Higgins), Robert Osmer (Susan Roche), John Borgielski (Pat & Dick Mielnik), Peter Dubowski (Mr. & Mrs. David Pesch), Bob Osmer (Bob's Girls), Albert Mabie (Dolores Dombkowski), Hattie Gleba (Victor & Helena Roman)

Rosary at Mary, Queen of Peace Cemetery—

The Rosary will be recited every Saturday in May at 9 a.m. at Mary, Queen of Peace Cemetery, 6400 Lake Pleasant Rd. Everyone is welcome to attend.

A Family Perspective—

Pentecost Sunday (John 14)

Today's Gospel tells us God wants to be with us always and in all ways. Every family is called to be a tabernacle where God dwells. Is Jesus a permanent member of your family or a temporary guest? Today the promise is given.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

May 21, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector	Patricia Mielnik
Eucharist	Patricia Mielnik
Ushers	Ron Helminski
	Richard Mielnik
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie





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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$	10,495
Online Giving		<u>1,035</u>
Total Income	\$	11,530
Catholic Service Appeal (Goal)	\$	100,000
Assessment	\$	64,000
Pledges to date	\$	103,698
Number of pledges		231
Percentage of parishioners	%	33

Thank you for your generosity!



Let Us *Welcome*

Aiden Jon Francis Szumigale

son of

Jeffrey & Bethany (Torisky) Szumigale
who was baptized after the
5:00 PM Liturgy
Saturday, May 7, 2016

and

Jude Philip Katen

son of

Philip & Christina (Gritzer) Katen
and

Lillian Rose Testrake

daughter of

Matthew & Laura (Clunk) Testrake
who will be baptized after the
5:00 PM Liturgy

and

Padraig Collins Wehan

son of

Patrick Wehan & Krista Williams
who will be baptized after the
10:30 AM Liturgy

We continue to thank those who make special donations to our parish and we pray for those people in whose honor the donations were made:

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

- ◆ in memory of **Daniel Carroll and Penny Causgrove** from Paul & Anne Causgrove
- ◆ in memory of **Brian Perry** from Dr. & Mrs. Leo Fitzgibbon
- ◆ in memory of **Veronica Gersims** from Yvonne Gersims
- ◆ in memory of **Gretchen Marie Armour** from Richard & Laura Fetzner
- ◆ in memory of **Rose Casey's Birthday** from Lawrence & JoElla Gorgacz
- ◆ in memory of **Robert, Phyllis, Gail & Timothy Williams** from Mary Williams
- ◆ in memory of **the Vets** from Karl & Virginia Kelm

Also donations from:

Bill & Mary Flanagan, Dave & Julie Sanner,
Katie Frank, Kathleen Horan, Phillip & Judy Kelly,
Patricia Heasley and Jeff & Mary Beth Pinto

A Special Thank You!!!

to **PANERA BREAD** for their generous donations every week to the Food Pantry.

Additional Mother's Day Remembrances—

- * from Ann Kolodziejczak
- IMO: Tessie & Mary Kolodziejczak, Marcella Majczyk, Marsha Wilson, Caroline Maloney, Shirley Polaski, Patricia Majewski and deceased aunts of the Kolodziejczak & Majczyk families
- IHO: Patricia Gradler, Cynthia, Theresa, Nikole, Marylou and April Kolodziejczak, Jean Polaski, Melissa & Jen Nail and aunts of Majczyk families

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 21, 2016, at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Angie Kontur*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Ray Fiorelli, Shirley Winschel, Patty Dailey*

CUP: *Kay Mannino, Lynne Long*

Greeters: *Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan*

Altar Servers: *Gemma & Emilio Filippi*

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers*

Sunday, May 22, 2016, at 8:00 am

Lector: *Nick Straub*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Kathryn Olds*

Ushers: *John Maloney, Dave Korn*

Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Ed Brown*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Cyndi Pristello, Tim Scully, Charla Leehmuis*

CUP: *Ed Brown, Katie Froehlich*

Greeters: *Tom & Linda Brunner*

Altar Servers: *Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello*

Ushers: *Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox, John Purvis,
Luke Purvis*

Offertory Counters: *Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner,
Mary Duncan*



**124 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL
AND THEY CALLED IT PUPPY LOVE**

Scott and Jane Lightner are celebrating their 42nd wedding anniversary this year. When you ask them how they met, they just smile, then they tell you, and then you just smile.

Scott grew up in Erie (attended East High School) and Jane grew up in Pittsburgh (so we don't really care where she went to high school). They met in East Springfield, PA, at a Presbyterian summer camp. When they were 15 years old! Talk about happy campers!

After summer camp, Scott went back to Erie and Jane went back to Pittsburgh. And then started bugging their parents to drive them back and forth, and they ran up the long distance phone bills—179 was still being built and a long distance phone call cost more than the minimum wage at the time—and their romance lasted through different high schools, different colleges (Scott at Mercyhurst, Jane at Robert Morris), and Scott's military service and, well this was apparently not a puppy love! There are 3 kids and 4 grand-kids in Chad's Ford and Erie, PA, and Columbus, OH, who can attest to that.

Then, 25 years ago, this young Protestant Couple were looking for a change in their spiritual life and their journey led them to Father Kriegel at St. Jude's. Long story short: they went through the RCIA process and became Catholic. And like so many of us, when Father K came back to Erie, they followed him to his new home, and ours, at St. Pat's.

Scott and Jane are retired from GE and the Millcreek Schools respectively. Scott's a golfer and pickleball maven, while Jane hits Jazzercise every day (It shows, Jane!). They winter in Florida and care for Jane's 99 year old mother.

Scott and Jane volunteer each week at the food pantry and, through that work, ended up becoming a big part of the Sports Bar at last year's festival. They've graciously agreed to co-chair the bar this year with the Michalski's. And of course, it will be bigger and better, and if you peek into the tent you just might see those 15 year olds still making googley eyes at each other.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykij@neo.rr.com. Irish Nachos? Stop into the Sports Bar this year to find out.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- May 14** *Saturday, Vigil: Pentecost Sunday*
4:00 PM STEFANIA DOMBROWSKI, ANNIV. - ST.H
(HELEN DOMBROWSKI)
5:00 PM BERNARD RESKE (BOB & DIANE BOEH) - ST.P
- May 15** *Pentecost Sunday*
8:00 AM MATT LYDEN (BILL & RENEE LYDEN) - ST.P
10:30 AM JANET MCDONALD - ST.P
(GINNY & JIM SPODEN)
- May 16** *Monday, Weekday*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- May 17** *Tuesday, Weekday*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- May 18** *Wednesday, Saint John I, Pope and Martyr*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- May 19** *Thursday, Weekday*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- May 20** *Friday, Saint Bernardine of Sienna, Priest*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- May 21** *Saturday, Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity*
4:00 PM WILLIAM HAYES - ST.H
(ANTOINETTE ALEXANDER)
5:00 PM RAYMOND DOMBROWSKI - ST.P
(JOE & MARSHA FINAZZO)
- May 22** *The Most Holy Trinity*
8:00 AM DOLLIE TECH (BARB & FRANK DUCHINI) - ST.P
10:30 AM JENNIE KOZESKY - ST.P
(WEILAND & POPKA FAMILIES)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- St.H=St. Hedwig, St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary
CP=Chapel,, PF=Polish Falcons
PR=Pascal Room, R=Rectory, CV=Convent
- 05/14** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
 - 05/17** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
 - 05/18** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
 - 05/21** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Visit the Families Always Matter Website!

Looking for resources for your family?
Visit the Diocese of Erie website at:
<http://www.eriercd.org/fam.htm> and discover why families always matter!

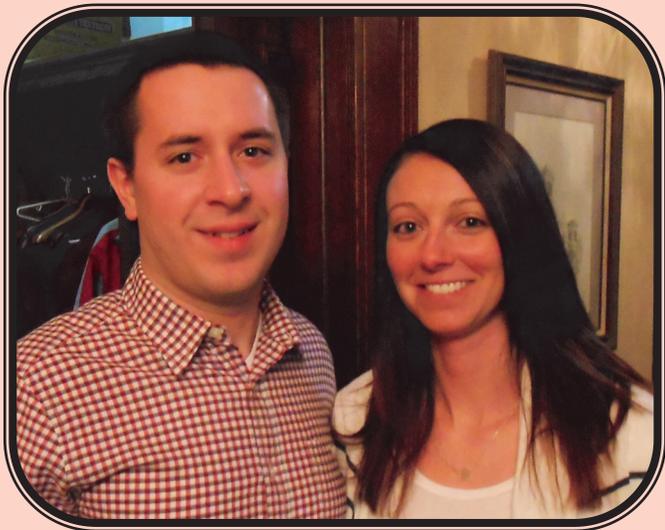


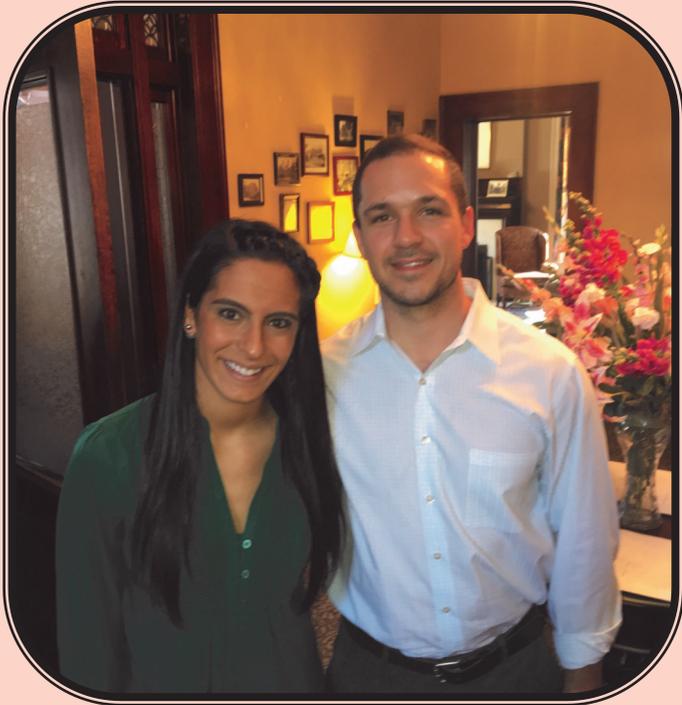
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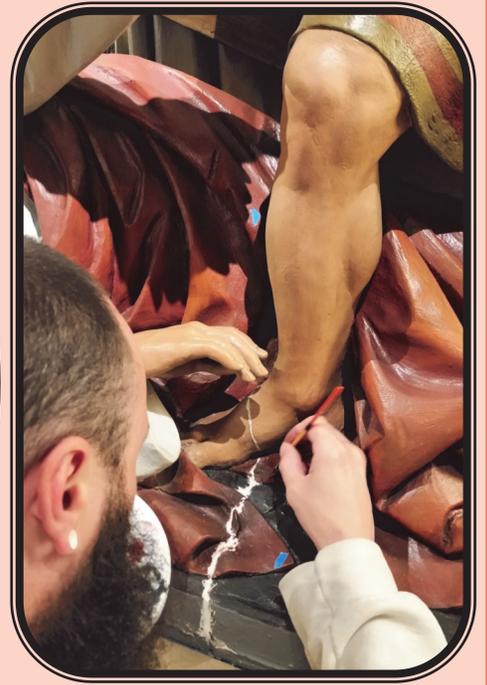
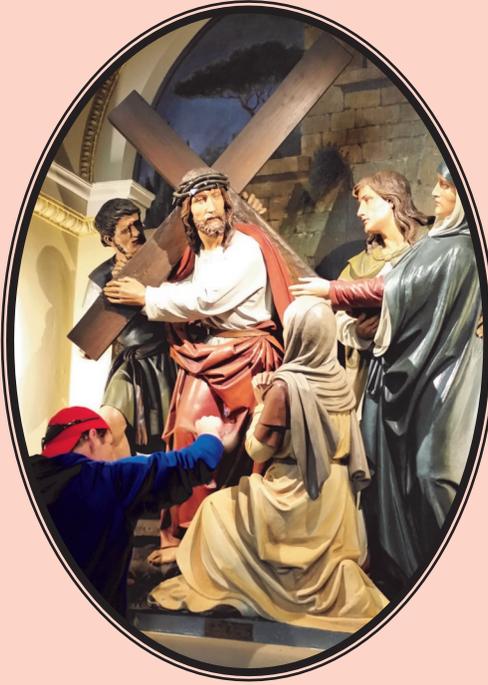
On Pentecost we remember how the apostles became strengthened in their commitment. Sure, they loved being with Jesus most of the time, but Pentecost sealed the deal. Yes, we can do this! Share one experience that strengthened your marriage.

*Bridal Couple Dinners
Spring 2016*



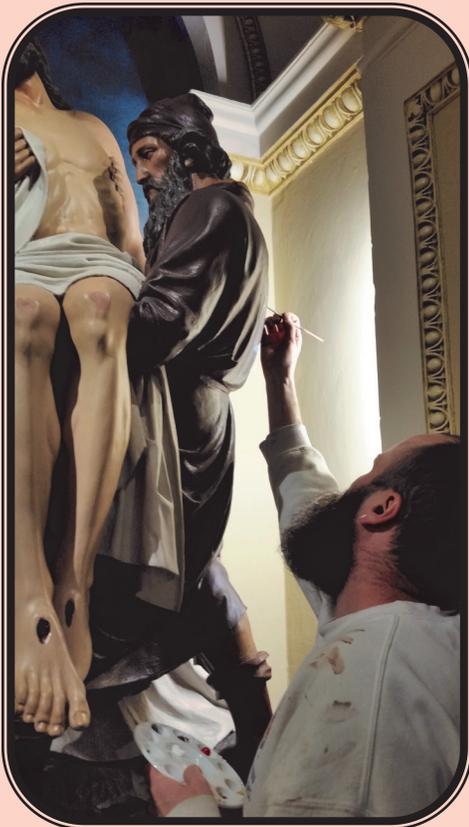






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Saint Hedwig

Saint Patrick

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E-MAIL: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

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Moving

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