

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 24, 2024

“Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen” ... “Jesus answered ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world...’ Jesus answered ‘You say I am a king, for this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who believes in the truth listens to my voice.’”

Did you pray the Lord’s prayer yet today? In the opening words of praise did you think about what ‘Thy kingdom come’ means? By our baptism we became part of His kingdom the church. We were each given a mission, to build the kingdom of Jesus on earth. As we celebrate this final Sunday of the church year, may we rededicate ourselves to living actively in the kingdom of Jesus, by building His church, and making His presence felt and known.

We recall the words of a great saint, as he spoke about the mission. He said each one of us was given a task to build the kingdom, and as long as I fail to do my part, it will always remain undone.

‘Thy kingdom come.’



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday Masses: 7:30 AM (Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Fri.) – St. Denis Church
Saturday: 8:30 AM – St. Denis Church
Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM (fulfills Sunday obligation) - St. Denis Church
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM - St. Denis Church
Mass is shown on the Parish Facebook Page each weekend.
Sunday: 10:00 AM - Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel
Holy Days: See bulletin or website for schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 pm & by appointment.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL DEVOTIONS: Tuesday morning after the 7:30 AM Mass-St. Denis Church

BAPTISM: The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Parents must complete the required preparation with the Pastoral Associate and obtain godparent eligibility letters before a date for Baptism will be given. Please call the rectory for further details.

MARRIAGE: Please contact the rectory office for more information about weddings. All couples contemplating marriage are asked to give the priests one year prior notice in order that all the requirements for marriage can be satisfied. Do not reserve the reception hall before contacting the church; your requested date may not be available.

CARE OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: We will gladly bring Holy Communion to anyone who is ill or otherwise unable to get to Mass. Please call the rectory to make arrangements. The priests and deacon make regular visits to the local hospitals. Please call the rectory if any loved one is hospitalized.

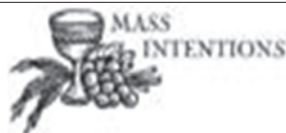
RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL: At such times of deep pain and loss, we seek to offer our bereaved families comfort and hope as they commend their loved ones to God. Please note that, in accordance with Church regulations, eulogies are not permitted during Funeral Masses.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-12:00 noon & 1:00 PM- 4:30 PM, Friday 8:30 AM- 12:00 noon only. There are no office hours on Saturday & Sunday. Evenings are by appointment only.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We encourage new families moving into the area to stop in or call the rectory to arrange for registration.

CELIAC SPRUE PARISHIONERS – Saint Denis provides a low gluten (<0.01% gluten content) host. Parishioners who are gluten-intolerant should see a deacon or priest prior to the start of Mass in order to be included in the reception of the Eucharist.

VISIT US ON FACEBOOK- Saint Denis Parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/churchofstdenis. You don't need to have a Facebook account to read parish news and updates, but would need one to leave comments and feedback.

**Saturday, November 23, 2024**

8:30 am Joanne M. Sunkinat by Heather Larson
 8:30 am John Wakula by Alana Mustakas
 8:30 am Joseph Hopp by Bill & Jeanne Buble
 4:30 pm Mary Ann Schachter by her Godmother, JoAnn
 4:30 pm Brian Pilling by the Brickowski Family
 4:30 pm John Patterson
 by Jennifer, Danny, Katie & Madelyn
 4:30 pm Larry DeGrande by Sandy DeGrande

Sunday, November 24, 2024

8:00 am Charles & Joseph Whitney by their Family
 8:00 am Pat Zanetti
 by her Cousin Maria & Daughter, Elena Molinari
 8:00 am Nancy Csvrbak by Alana Mustakas
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish
 10:00 am Michael Herman by Jane Wehner
 10:00 am James Vaughn Cali by the Oehme Family
 10:00 am Scott Quilter by Jeanne Davidson

Monday, November 25, 2024

7:30 am Katie McDonough by Susan Moore Schenker
 7:30 am Antoinette Citro by the DeGenova Family
 7:30 am Albert McConnach by the Balioni Family

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

7:30 am Jean Miller by Ann & Don Linton
 7:30 am Marion Mullarkey by Ann & Don Linton
 7:30 am Intentions of Ellen Fink by Eileen Wade

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

7:30 am Cecelia Bookrajian by Carol Rizzi
 7:30 am Mary Lou Lytle by Deborah Marge
 7:30 am Joan Clarkin-Heary by Kay Kolon

Thursday, November 28, 2024-Thanksgiving Day

No Mass

Friday, November 29, 2024

No Mass

Saturday, November 30, 2024

8:30 am Raymon Chiu by Al & Lisa Ingrassia
 8:30 am Janice Kircher by the Schatzman Family
 8:30 am For the Conversion of Albert Diorio
 4:30 pm Julius Parsick by Rosemary Esposito
 4:30 pm Joseph Petrowski by the Brickowski Family
 4:30 pm Tina O'Donnell by Liz & Dave Smith

Sunday, December 1, 2024

8:00 am Eileen O'Connell Mahoney
 by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
 8:00 am Anna Theres Regan by the Prince Family
 8:00 am Margaret Geary by the Knights of Columbus #3231
 9:30 am Bill Truex by his Family
 9:30 am Tina O'Donnell by the Gabler Family
 9:30 am Joan Clarkin-Heary by Carol Rizzi
 9:30 am Scott Quilici by Peggy Zielenbach
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish

SAINT DENIS PRAYER GROUP-The Prayer Group meets at 12:00 noon each Monday in St. Denis Church. There are no

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially David Dennin and Michael Pelligrino.



especially Doris Abruzzo, Maiya Andrews, Velma Andrews, Peggy Andrich, Baby Lucy, Bobbie Banks-Grove, Joseph Bartol, Edith Bean, Belle & Ashton, Bernadette Bevan, Stanley Bevan, Joseph Bick, Borgias Family, Holly Boyd, Cathleen Brenner, Lois Brookes, Ann Brown, Karen Brown, Eileen Byrne, Barbara Cabrera, Campbell Family, Dule Campbell, Sean Campbell, Mary Carstens-Lockenmeyer, Amanda Castro, Albert J. Cifelli, Mark Clarkin, Elizabeth Clos, Baby Aubrey Rose Cirinia, Christine Coburn, Mary Collins, Mary Conlon, Jimmy Conrey, Rick Constrisciano, Thomas P. Coyle, Linda Custode, Mary Damico, Christine Danish, Duane Danish, Lauren Davis,

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PARISH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

The rectory office will be open
Monday and Tuesday only this week.
Morning Mass is at 7:30 am on
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only.
No activities are scheduled at the parish on
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
Our regular parish schedule resumes on Saturday, Nov. 30th.

Happy Thanksgiving!



ST. DENIS GIVING TREE- The Giving Tree, the Christian symbol of unconditional and selfless love, is once again displayed at St. Denis to help the less fortunate celebrate Christmas. Our Giving Tree will be in the Gathering Space of the Church as well as at the Beach Chapel. We ask that those willing and able take a tag from the Giving Tree and purchase the suggested gift. Kindly return the unwrapped gift, together with the tag taped on it, the weekend of December 14 & 15. We truly appreciate your tremendous support as do the worthy charities and families benefitting from the Giving Tree.



Participating children, ages 4-10, will be seated with their families for the Introductory Rites of the Mass. The group will be dismissed to their gathering space downstairs to share an age-appropriate reflection on the Sunday readings. Everyone will rejoin their families prior to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We will celebrate Children's Liturgy of the Word every week for ADVENT, Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. We hope your children will join us!! For more info please contact the rectory.



If you are new to WWP, you will love our foundational study, Opening Your Heart (OYH). OYH is designed for women who are new to WWP as well as those with more Bible study experience. Join us as we examine the core questions that we wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us. For those who have completed, OYH, we are excited to begin the first of our two-part study season with Reclaiming Friendship. With this study we will discover God's plan for friendship and learn how to cultivate true, deep relationships that last. Go to www.wwpnjshore.com for more information and to register.

ST. DENIS MEN'S GROUP is a faith study group for Catholic men at the Jersey Shore, coordinated from St. Denis Parish. The group meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month in the Parish Center, from 6-7 pm. For more information contact the St. Denis rectory at 732-223-0287.

ATTENTION ST. DENIS PARISHIONERS- We are excited to announce our upcoming special event, a **St. Anthony Festival, which will be on Friday, June 13th**. It's going to be a night full of fun, food, games, and community. We have our Event Chair, Margaret Mullen, but now we are looking for parishioners who are interested in helping to prepare and help with this event by heading or being on one of the planning committees. Let's come together as a church community and make this event one to remember!!! If interested please come to a meeting on Monday, Nov. 25th at 7 pm in the Rectory Office or call the parish office with any questions. (732) 223- 0287



our military, especially USMC Sgt. Jordan Basile, Coast Guard Petty Officer Joseph Beattie, USMC Corporal Patrick Bednarski, USMC Capt. Philip Cahill, Army Major Matthew Cauda, Army PFC Ryan Costello, Air Force 1st Lt. Dominic Celiano, Army Lt. Nikkole Crosson, Army Captain Dr. Justin Eisenman, Army 2nd Lieutenant Brendan Ertle, USMC Lance Corporal Hunter Fancher, USAF Airman 1st Class Tristan Fancher, Army Major Sean Fessenden, USMC PFC Joseph J. Foley Jr, US Army 2nd Lt. Valerie Goodwin, US Army 2nd Lt. Christopher Halmi, US Army 2nd Lt. Mia Halmi, USAF Cadet Thomas Halmi, USMC Captain Diego Heinzerling, Lt. Jg. Mary T. Herman, Navy LS2 Nora N. Honrath, Navy Lt. Commander Rachael M. Honrath, US Army Airborne Private Zachary Hoyle, US Army 2nd Lt. Allison M. Ingraham, Air Force Academy Cadet 2nd Class Slade Kelling, USMC Lance Corporal Laura Licata, Navy E4 Patrick Moynihan, USMC Private Robert E. Mullin IV, Navy CM Taylor Nesbitt, Contractor Benjamin Ostrow, Army Lt. Brian Quinn, Coast Guard Seaman Anthony Scala, Air Force Major David Smith, Army Private 1st Class Cody Svenson, Air Force 2nd Lt. Jason Trischitta, Army Matthew Van Pelt, Navy Captain Colin S. Walsh, Navy LL. Edward P. Windas, and USN LTJG Michael Zimmerman.

FIFTEEN:5 - A Catholic Community of Faith, Family, and Friends. Our initial highly rated program, **THE SEARCH, is for those aged mid 20's through their 40's (single or married)**. The Search asks where our journey is taking us and what do we want from our life during this journey. We meet once a month. Our meetings consist of fellowship, refreshments, and a short video followed by discussion. **Our next meeting will be at 7 pm, December 12th, in the St. Denis Parish Center.** If you miss a meeting, no worries, just join us when you can. FIFTEEN:5 hopes to create a community of peers supporting one another in meeting the challenges we encounter in everyday life, gaining a better understanding of our faith, and living Christian values. While our initial program is for young adults, we plan to accomplish this through programs, events, and activities (including charitable works and family activities) for all age groups. We'll also have some fun!

OUR CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION will be the second collection next weekend, November 30 & December 1. Envelopes have been provided in the monthly packets and are also available at the exits of the church and chapel. This is a wonderful way to honor our loved ones, both living and deceased. Your generosity will help us to beautifully decorate our church and chapel for the Christmas season.



November 17, 2024

Weekly Collection- \$9,839.00

2nd Collection Camp. For Human Develop.)- \$2,140.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !



IN HONOR OF CHRIST THE KING
REQUESTED BY A PARISHIONER

A GATHERING OF WOMEN SEEKING A PEACEFUL AND SPIRITUAL APPROACH TO CHRISTMAS- A Women's Community Christmas Program will take place on Tuesday, December 3rd at Manasquan Presbyterian Church, 16 Virginia Ave. The program will begin at 11:30 am with a light luncheon to follow. The guest speaker will be Rev. Cindy Wilcox, Chaplain at Jersey Shore University Meridian Health (Jersey Shore University Medical Center). All women are invited to attend.

JERSEY SHORE CHORALE- Come hear the Jersey Shore Chorale of men and women of all ages, many with professional music backgrounds, performing a wide variety of seasonal favorites from the classical to traditional carols. The Jersey Shore Chorale's exquisite harmonies and a joyful singalong accompanied by a piano, flute, strings and woodwinds will kick off the magic of the Holiday/Christmas season on Sat., Dec. 7 at 7 pm Greenbriar 1, 1 Darley Circle, Brick OR Sun., Dec. 8 at 4 pm United Methodist Church, 23 Church St., Manasquan. Tickets will be sold at the door. Adults: \$15. Seniors: \$10. Students and children are free. For more info call the rectory office.



POINSETTIA & WREATH SALE-The Catholic Daughters will hold their annual Poinsettia & Wreath Sale on the weekend of December 7th & 8th after all Masses. Beautiful Poinsettias with 6-8 blooms (still only \$10) and lovely decorated live wreaths (\$30) will be for sale. Order forms will be included in next week's bulletin. Pre-ordering is strongly encouraged. Proceeds from the sale will be used to support the CDA's many charitable endeavors and scholarships. Thank you for your support!



St. Vincent De Paul Society's Food Pantry at St. Denis Church Phone: 732-223-1383

Location: Msgr. O'Connor Hall (lower level of church)

Questions or special food needs? Please call our hotline number at 732-223-138
Pantry hours: Tuesdays: 1PM-3PM

There is a menu of food options available at curbside for pick up.

**ALL DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED.
MOST NEEDED ITEMS AT THIS TIME:**

Cereal, toilet paper, grape jelly, black beans, canned fruit cocktail

Cash and check donations are welcome and can be left in the envelopes with the donated food. Please include "Food Pantry" in the memo section of checks.

Looking ahead to Thanksgiving we will only be accepting turkey breasts (no whole turkeys due to limited space). Bags for our neighbors will be distributed on Sat. 11/23 10 am-12 noon and Tues. 11/26 1-3 pm. Monetary contributions are always welcome. Thank you for always being so generous!

****Please Check Expiration Dates****

Items may be left in the shopping cart in the Gathering Space in the Main Church, or in the plastic box at the Beach Chapel.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
CECELIA BOOKRAJIAN
REQUESTED BY CAROL RIZZI



Get in the Holiday Spirit and join the St. Denis Music Ministry as we present our **1st Annual Christmas Carol Sing Along!** A Christmas carol sing along featuring St. Denis musicians, cantors and members of the parish choir...and YOU! **Sunday December 15th 2024 at 3:30 pm** in St. Denis Church

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



In the Gospel Jesus once asked "Who are you looking for?" Perhaps it could be asked "What are you looking for?" Perhaps it is happiness we seek, but sometimes we are looking for happiness in selfish ways. However, we also find that when we look for ways to make others happy or a bit more secure, it is then that we become truly happy and witness God's love. The Vincentian Society witnesses God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes. As you give your gift or your time to the Society of St Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and trust.

If you have an interest in seeing how you can help those in need, come to the Society's next meeting on January 16, 2025 at 7 pm in the Parish Center.

If assistance is needed, encourage the person to call our direct hotline and leave a message (732-223-1383). If you would like to donate, checks can be made payable to: SVDP/St. Denis Conference.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE- The Manasquan Ministerium will be holding its annual Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, 24 November at 4:00 pm at Manasquan Methodist Church. Please take the time to join in the prayer of thanksgiving as we reflect on God's goodness to us. This prayer also helps our community grow through the fundamental understanding of Ecumenism – the movement to promote Christian unity and cooperation. Fellowship will follow.

ST. DENIS ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY members will meet in church at 9:00 AM on Sunday, December 1st for recitation of the Rosary and the 9:30 AM Mass. After Mass we will go to the Breakers for brunch. Breakfast or lunch will be available. Donation \$25.00. You may make your donation for our Christmas family at that time. If you have not made your reservation yet please call the rectory office at 732-223-0287.

WORD OF LIFE --

provided by Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry

"Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"

ACTION CENTER

SIGN-UP FOR ACTION ALERTS at www.humanlifeaction.org AND <https://www.votervoices.net/USCCB/home> AND <https://nicatholic.org/faith-in-action>

Our legislators have begun to bring abortion legislation to a vote without customary comment periods and discussion before voting. We need to mobilize quickly and respond immediately to their actions. Please sign up directly for action alerts so you can update legislators immediately about proposed legislation.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ADORATION--- It was the special desire of our Lord Jesus Christ, revealed to Blessed Margaret Mary, that the first Friday of each month be consecrated to the devotion and adoration of His most Sacred Heart. Join us after 7:30AM Mass to pray the rosary for the unborn, the protection of our country, peace throughout the world, and the special intentions recorded in the prayer book by parishioners. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament @ noon at St. Denis.

FACING UNPLANNED PREGNANCY?? Need Help? Contact Birthright @ 800-550-4900 or locally @ 732 747-7600 for assistance with testing, doctors, food, housing, counseling, and other services at little or no charge.

WALKING WITH MOM'S IN NEED If you are a Mom in a crisis pregnancy or in need of help for you and your children, please contact the rectory or see the poster in the Gathering Space of the church for a list of resources available to you in our area.

THE MISSION OF MARY'S CHILD MINISTRY is to defend the truth of Jesus Christ. Each human being is a gift from God, made in His image and likeness, worthy of dignity, respect, and protection from conception until natural death. We raise our prayers, concerns, and funds in support of this Truth, and we support organizations that consistently live and value the Gospel of Life. If interested in this ministry, contact the rectory for our parish Pro-Life representative.

VISIT OUR WEBSITES: dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry USCCB: usccb.org/prolife OR respectlife.org

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

This Sunday we celebrate Christ the King! One of the most important parts of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola is called "The Election." Unlike the election we just had, in this section of the retreat, the retreatant is encouraged to "elect" to follow Christ in a deeper way. In the Spiritual Exercises Ignatius says that "the eye of our intention ought to be simple, only looking at what we are created for," that is, the greater glory of God. The glory of God is bound up with freedom and detachment. Making an election is about detaching ourselves from what holds us back from being the person we were created to be. In the Spiritual Exercises the person makes the election after days of meditating on the life of Christ. He calls for humility in making the election in three ways: to obey God's law, to be detached, and to be like Christ in poverty, after spending a week in prayer, vividly seen Christ's humility in his obedience, freedom, and poverty. Only when one is free and detached and open to God being a part of the discernment (obedience) can one move forward with an election.

As we prepare to enter a New Year of Grace, may God give us the grace anew to make the election of Christ our King and choose the right way to follow Him and do the Father's Will in all things big and small.

This Sunday, I ask you to participate in the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Manasquan Methodist Church at 4pm. Join together with the other Christians of our area in the solidarity of offering thanks to God for all God's blessings and help foster the strength of the Body of Christ in fellowship.

The office will be closed from Wed. the 27th through Fri. the 29th, please plan accordingly. We will have 7:30 am Mass on Wed. and the next Mass will be Sat. There will be no activities 27th-29th. I will be away these three days.

As Advent begins next week, see this bulletin for all the details and I pray you join us in many of our programs to enrich your Advent Season. Please take home the prayer aids for your personal prayer at home.

FAITH AND BLUE TOY DRIVE CHRISTMAS EVENT!

Save the Date: Saturday, 7 Dec. from 11 am to 2 pm in the parking lot! Join the fun and help make a child's Christmas special! St. Denis is hosting our 2nd annual "Faith and Blue" Toy Drive to benefit children assisted through the Monmouth County Division of Child Protection and Permanence as well as the children of military families assisted through the Angel Program of NJ. We will have a great community event on the drop-off day with music, Santa and the PBA trailer filled with hot chocolate and treats. Drop on by to meet members of the Sea Girt and Manasquan Police Departments and ministers of the Manasquan Ministerium who will be gratefully accepting your donation of toys and having a chance to build community bridges and spreading holiday cheer.

OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT- The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the Diocesan Abuse Hotline: 888-296-2965.

What Are You Doing for Advent 2024?
The Gift of God Within Us!

For Your Personal Spiritual Journey:

Magnificat Advent Companion and other prayer and reflection pamphlets
on various tables in the Church Gathering space

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel- Advent daily devotional – Henri Nouwen

Pilgrims of Hope- Reflections on Hope for the Jubilee Year by Pope Francis

FORMED.org –for Advent Reflections sign up through our parish website

(access code: PDZVN8 to sign up the access through your email)

USCCB.org – the US Bishops website has many Advent offerings

For Your Communal Spiritual Journey & Adult Faith

Carmelite Christmas Poetry- lift your heart this season by reflecting and sharing on lovely
Christmas poems written by St Teresa of Avilla, St Elizabeth of the Trinity and
St John of the Cross. – *Eileen Ziesmer* **Thursday, Dec 5th @ 11am in the Church
and @ 7pm in the Parish Center**

“Praise of Glory”- reflecting on God within us with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity
Wednesday, Dec. 11th @ 11am & 7pm at the Church - Fr. Bill

First Annual Christmas Carol Sing Along

***A Christmas Carol Sing Along featuring St. Denis musicians, cantors
and members of the parish choir.....and YOU!***

Sunday, December 15th @ 3:30 pm in St. Denis Church

Parish Nativity Pageant – **Sunday, December 21st during the 4:30 pm Mass**

Confessions

Saturdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22– 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm

Monday, Dec. 16, 2024- 11 am-1 pm & 6 pm-8 pm

You are encouraged to call the Parish Office and set up an appointment
up to December 19th for Confession with Father Bill to prepare your heart

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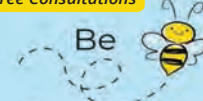
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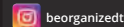


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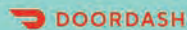


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