

THE VOICE

MARCH 19, 2017

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

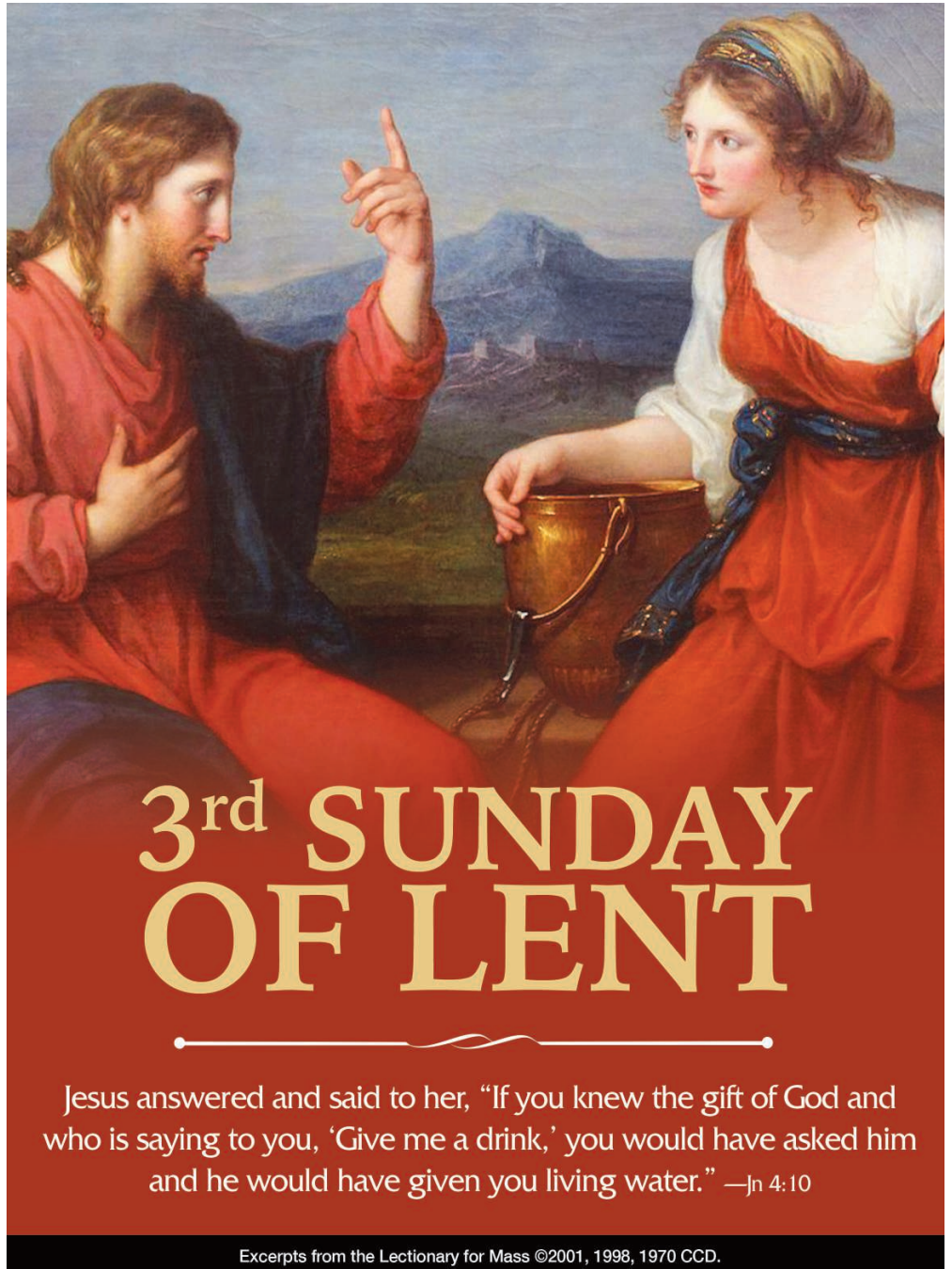
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.
and 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Friday:
9:15 a.m.
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

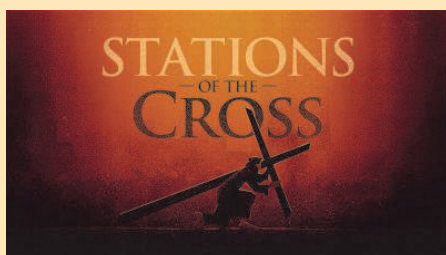
Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



**3rd SUNDAY
OF LENT**

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." —Jn 4:10

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Fridays during Lent at 7 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; No matter what your current family or marital situation:

No matter what your past or present religious affiliation;

No matter what your personal history, age, background, race, or color;

No matter what your self-image or esteem: You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at St. Gerald Catholic Church.

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 20 - MARCH 24

Monday 9:15 AM

Robert A. Papler

Requested by Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Charles Schroeder

Requested by Beth Schroeder

Wednesday

No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

Gladys Kryszak

Requested by Tom McPhail and Family

Friday 9:15 AM

Enrico and Ida Canini

Requested by Graziano Canini



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16/PS 89:2-5, 27, 29/ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22/MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A OR LK 2:41-51A

TUESDAY: DN 3:25, 34-43/PS 25:4-5AB, 6, 7BC, 8-9/ MT 18:21-35

WEDNESDAY: DT 4:1, 5-9/PS 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/ MT 5:17-19

THURSDAY: JER 7:23-28/PS 95:1-2, 6-9/LK 11:14-23

FRIDAY: HOS 14:2-10/PS 81:6C-11AB, 14, 17/MK 12:28-34

SATURDAY: IS 7:10-14; 8:10/PS 40:3-4, 18-21AB/HEB 10:4-10/ LK 1:26-38

NEXT SUNDAY: 1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A/PS 23:1-6/EPH 5:8-14/ JN 9:1-41 OR 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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(FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO [HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB](http://www.usccb.org/nab))

**MARCH 26, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

5:00 PM March 25 Fr. Seweryn

For
**Joan Pavco &
Bernice, Louis &
Dennis Kaye**
Requested by
Joe Pavco

Servers

Isabelle Gerhart
Adrianna Gerhart

Lector/
Ushers

Diane Blankenship
5:00B

8:30 AM March 26 Fr. Kris

For
Bly Family
Requested by
Croitori Family

Servers

Servers Needed

Lector/
Ushers

Candy Rosowski
8:30B

10:15 AM March 26 Fr. Kris

For
**Alessandra, Michael,
Maria, Nick &
Giovanni Rotondo**
Requested by
Josephine Rotondo &
Family

Servers

Ashley Grabinski
Luke Horsburgh

Lector/
Ushers

Sofia Mansour
10:15A

12:00 PM March 26 Fr. Kaiser

For
**All Our
Parishioners**

Servers

Grace Pagnucco
Claire Pagnucco

Lectors/
Ushers

Paul Radzilowski
12:00B

Sacristan Schedule for Next Week

March 25 and March 26

Team A

April 1 and April 2

Team B

Team #1 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, March 19th following the 8:30 AM Mass

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of March 5... \$ 11,484.00

Budget Offertory for Weekend of March 5.. \$ 8,800.00

Actual Offertory July 1 - March 5 \$339,184.00

Budget Offertory July 1 - March 5 \$316,800.00

ELECTRONIC DEPOSIT OF DONATIONS IS AVAILABLE AT ST. GERALD. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE OR ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER CHAIN

If you know someone who could use our prayers and would like them added to our prayer chain, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 or email the office at stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com and their name will be added to our prayers.

Please Pray For Our Sick:

Wanda Reiner
Tony Wadrick
Loretta Zahn
Dick Campbell
Charles Minear
Rita Knight
John MacDougall
Josephine Meyers
Megan Schroeder
Wanda Johnson
Ralph Wenski
Laurie Aldrich
Mary Ann Alcala
Andy Vermiglio
Joan Goniea
Bill Borchert
Nadeen Ouelette
John Dillon
Nell Sagripanti
James Cooper
Mary Power

Beth Croitori
Bill Walker
Carol Reinke
Erin Malloy-Tingle
Andy Mosher
Cyndy Fenech
Emily Choike
Corinne Wedge
Linda Malloy
Stephen Cleary
Nancy Kolliker
Margaret Joyal
Joan Preston
Gerry Makowski
Sue Kowzan
Gabbie Frey
Betty Hunter
Joanne Dixon
Renée Skoczylas
Rick Stone

Tim's Tidbits

The Cross is a central symbol of Lent and is our focus. In the Gathering Space we find the Cross, with a pedestal of rock and purple sash on this Third Sunday of Lent. As we pass by it, we are reminded of what it symbolizes for us. When you pass by it feel free to touch it, as you enter or exit the church proper. Let it serve as a reminder to you of the season. This is the Cross which we will use throughout the season and one that we will venerate on Good Friday. Throughout the season of Lent, let our Cross be our guide as we move towards the most sacred time of the Church Year – the Paschal Triduum. With Lent, always let our focus be on the glorious, redemptive act, of the triumphant cross. Our focus is always to be on the Resurrection, what we all await and hope for.

Living the Paschal Mystery (from *Living Liturgy*, 2017)

One way to deepen our believing and come to know Jesus better is by spending more time with him as a friend. Lent is an opportune time to become more attentive to Jesus' Presence – especially in prayer - and encounter him as One who loves us, teaches us, and gives us "living water" that carries us to "eternal life." Another way to deepen our believing is to enumerate the blessings God has already given us and remember that these truly are gifts from God. Yet another way to deepen our faith and come to know Jesus better is to increase our self-understanding as Body of Christ and make concrete efforts to act like Christ's Body. Something so simple as saying thank you or smiling at another who looks sad or depressed are simple acts, but they remind us of who we are: Christ for others. These kinds of everyday acts remind us that, like the Samaritan woman, we proclaim Jesus' Presence by the truth of our own lives. We carry forth Jesus' saving mission by being his Presence for others. Have a prayerful week.

**LENT/SPRING SCRIPTURE STUDY – THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**

Father David Santoro, O.P., Chaplain at the Blessed Sacrament Monastery in Farmington Hills will lead the study of the Gospel of John using the Ignatius Bible Study Guide.



Location: **St. Gerald's Church hall**

Time: Wednesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Dates: **Now – May 3, 2017**

NOTE: No class on April 12, 2017

All are Welcome to this Inter-Parish Scripture Study. Bring your Bible and/or Ignatius Study guides. Study guides will be available for \$10. No need to register.

Note – study will not meet if the Farmington Schools are closed due to weather.

Contact Diane Blankenship (dlb882@gmail.com) or Sharon Weberlein (shrweber@aol.com) if you have questions or call 248-477-7470.



**SOUP SUPPER
MARCH 28, 2017
5:30 PM TO 7:30 PM**

Please join us at St. Gerald in the social hall on the above date for our Lenten Soup Supper. This is a great time to visit friends and neighbors while enjoying a great bowl of soup from Big Boy's and some delicious baked bread from the Sunflour Bakehaus in Farmington. The soup choices this year are:



**Chicken Noodle
Cream of Broccoli
Cream of Potato
Split Pea
Vegetable Beef Barley**

Tickets will be sold at the door the evening of the supper.
Prices are Adults \$6.00 and Children (4 to 12) \$4.00 - Children 3 and under are Free

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 20th 7:00 PM
Fruit of the Vine; Wine Tasting Fundraiser



Joe Lozano, California Sommelier, will be providing a sampling of wines and presentation. Proceeds for this event will benefit our Religious Education Program. Mark your calendar for an enjoyable evening.

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY



Mark your calendar:

Blood Pressure Screening May 21, 2017

(B/P will begin September thru May, 2017-2018)

Blood Drive, July 16, 2017, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Flu Clinic, October (TBD), 2017, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Watch the calendar for more CPR/AED and First Aid Classes.

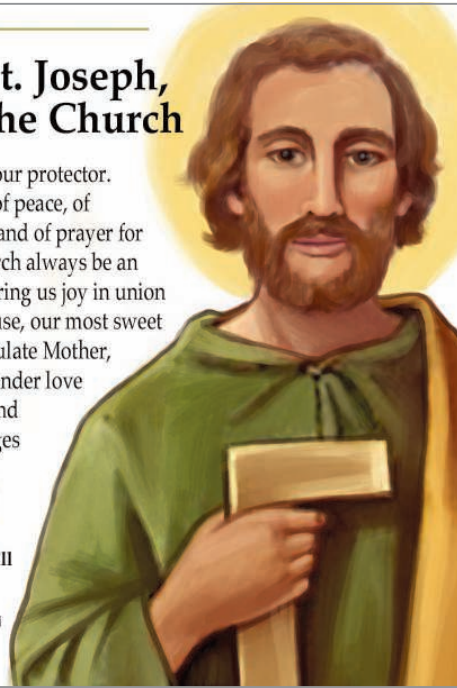
Prayer to St. Joseph, Patron of the Church

St. Joseph! Always be our protector. May your inner spirit of peace, of silence, of good work, and of prayer for the cause of Holy Church always be an inspiration to us and bring us joy in union with your blessed spouse, our most sweet and gentle and Immaculate Mother, and in the strong yet tender love of Jesus, the glorious and immortal King of all ages and peoples.

Amen

—Pope St. John XXIII

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CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Please take an envelope located at the end of the pews home with you and return next weekend in the second collection basket. Please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



Lenten Schedule

Monday, March 20

8:40 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:15 AM Mass

5:30 PM Elementary Religious Formation



Tuesday, March 21

8:40 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:15 AM Mass

10:30 AM "Resisting Happiness" book discussion

5:00 PM Elementary Religious Formation

7:00 PM K of C Membership Meeting

Wednesday, March 22

7:00 PM RCIA

7:00 PM Vicariate Bible Study

7:30 Adult Choir

Thursday, March 23

3:00 PM Meeting - Poland Pilgrimage

6:20 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00 PM Mass

Friday, March 24

8:40 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:15 AM Mass

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

8:00 PM AA Meeting

8:00 PM Holy Hour



Saturday, March 25

3:30 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, March 26

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday Fellowship

Confirmation Retreat at St. Paul of the Cross

8:30 AM Mass

10:00 AM Botsford Commons Visit

10:15 AM Mass

10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:15 AM Sunday School

12:00 PM Mass



ST. GERALD EASTER MEMORIAL LILIES

This Easter Season the church will once again be decorated with memorial lilies. Parishioners have the opportunity to remember loved ones who have passed away through donations toward the purchase of these Easter Lilies and other Easter flowers. Suggested donation this year remains \$10.00 per name.

Just fill out the form below! Place your form and donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flower Donation" and drop it in the collection basket on Sunday or bring it to the Parish Office.

A list of the donors and memorial names will appear in the bulletin for our Easter Sunday Edition.

IN MEMORY OF:

_____ *(Please legibly print name of deceased)*



REMEMBERED BY:

_____ *(Your name)*

YOUR PHONE NUMBER: () _____

(in case we need to verify the spelling of a name)

Please make checks payable to St. Gerald Church

SOUTH OAKLAND SHELTER

North Congregational will host South Oakland Shelter in coordination with St. Gerald Catholic Church and the Muslim Community Mosque. S.O.S. provides homeless prevention, sustainable housing and career development strategies and programs for homeless and at-risk people seeking stabilization and self-sufficiency. We will provide food, housing, transportation, entertainment and hospitality services for a group of 30-35 people, including individuals and families, the week of August 20th. We will need a few team leaders to help coordinate the various functions. Please contact Danny Hawkins at NCC.BusinessManager@gmail.com if you are interested in a larger role helping. Volunteers for each of the areas of service will be able to sign up on-line in July.



Many enjoyed a wonderful dinner, laughter and conversation last Tuesday at the Blue Leprechaun in Ann Arbor.

St. Gerald Mom's Corner



The Lenten season is upon us! The SGMC is sponsoring a Prayer Box Craft Day on Fellowship Sunday, April 2nd after the 10:15 and 12:00 masses! All are welcome! The children will be making Prayer Boxes to share with their families, as they learn about prayer, sacrifice, and giving, during the Lenten season. So, bring the family and get to know other young families and make new friends in your parish! Father Kris will be there to bless our group!



Our next meeting will be March 19th after the 12:00 Mass to get to know each other and share new ideas with the group.

The purpose of St. Gerald Mom's Corner is to provide mothers with fellowship, support and opportunities to grow their Christian faith to nurture their children with confidence and Christian values. Through activities such as service projects, parties, speakers, outings and discussion – moms are given the opportunity to connect with other moms in support and friendship. The meetings will take place the 3rd Sunday of the month after 12:00 Mass in one of the classrooms.

ST. GERALD WOMEN'S GROUP

This group is for women of all ages (18 years and older). We get together for fellowship, fun and more! Check us out some time.

Our first March activity was held on Tuesday, March 7th at the Blue Leprechaun Restaurant in Ann Arbor. The food was great! Fifteen women attended and had a wonderful time together. Thank you to Gerryanna Luscri for organizing this event.

Anyone wanting to go to Cranbrook and see the King Tut exhibit the first week of April, please contact Pat Hixson at 248-615-1755 or email m.e.hixson@juno.com as soon as possible.



In preparation for Spring, on Monday, May 15th at 6 PM, we will have an indoor plant exchange and play Bunco in the social hall. Please contact Joanne Taplin at 810-858-7121 to RSVP for this event.



KNIGHTS CORNER

Volunteers Sought at Tuesday's Meeting for March 28 Soup Supper; Officer Elections Coming

One of the main agenda items for Tuesday's membership meeting will be a call for volunteers to help with the March 28 parish Soup Supper. Sponsored by the Christian Service Commission, the dinner returns after a hiatus of several years. Karen Goheen, a Commission member and event manager, has asked the Knights to resume their traditional role in the kitchen.

The Knights will be plating five kinds of soups, including Grand Knight Fred Gerometta's ham and pea, a perennial favorite made following a recipe developed by Fred's great grandfather in Italy many years ago. Other soups, purchased from the Big Boy restaurant kitchen, will be cream of potato, cream of broccoli, chicken noodle, and vegetable beef barley. More details about the soup supper can be found elsewhere in this edition.

Also on the agenda is a report from Membership Director Shatomi Kerbawy on the recent Recruiting Drive. He's convinced that the best way to gain new members is on a one-on-one basis instead of the church drive used in the recent effort and in the past. "The one-on-one approach makes each Council member a recruiter," Kerbawy said. "We all know a parish member or two who would make a good Knight. How hard is it to ask them to join and to tell them about the spiritual and social pluses of Knighthood." The Supreme K of C has developed several webinars on recruiting that are available on demand at www.kofc.org. The webinars are about an hour in length and are free. The latest was held yesterday.

Notice is hereby given of our annual election of officers. Nominations will open at the April 18 membership meeting and will close at the May 16 membership meeting. The election will take place at the May meeting. Candidates must be members in good standing and have attained the third degree of our Order. All terms except that of trustee are for one year beginning July 1. One trustee post will be open; the term is for three years.

Several Knights and their spouses are sought to share hosting duties for the donut fellowship on Palm Sunday, April 9. If you can spare about 30 minutes or so after Sunday mass on that date, give Program Director Tom McPhail a call at 248-875-1185 or e-mail him at tandamcphail@att.net.

Save the Date: April 30 is the next Family Communion Mass. Pray with other Knight Families!

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Office Hours

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday.
(secretary at lunch 12:00 pm—12:30 pm)

STAFF

Parish Office (248) 477-7470

- Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Administrator x 203
- Timothy Westfall: Pastoral Associate x 202
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- Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant.....x 212
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- Christian Services**
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- Mary Melonio x 222
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- Maintenance Accountant**
- Tom Kruger Kim Shepard

SACRAMENTS

Rite of Reconciliation:
Saturdays from 3:30-4:30PM

Sacrament of the Sick:
Please call the office

Baptism:
Please be aware that first time parents must attend a short baptism prep class prior to the baptism of their child. Arrangements for baptism may be made by calling the Parish Office.

Matrimony:
St. Gerald Parish is pleased to marry registered parishioners and their children. Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Please call the Parish Office.

Registration of new members:
Please see Fr. Kris after Mass or call the office. Registration forms are located on the shelf in the classroom hallway for your convenience. After you fill it out, just give it to Fr. Kris or drop it off in the Parish Office. Thank you!

RCIA: Would you or someone you know want to become a full member of the Catholic Church? Please call Tim Westfall (248) 476-7677 x202 or Fr. Kris (248) 477-7470 for more information.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. GERALD CATHOLIC PARISH!

If you are new to the area, we look forward to meeting you personally. If you have not been active in the practice of the Catholic faith, we encourage you to return. If a previous marriage has kept you from receiving the Sacraments, we invite you to call the rectory at 248-477-7470. In many cases, Fr. Kris can work with you to find a favorable solution.

ST. GERALD MISSION STATEMENT

St. Gerald Roman Catholic Church is a welcoming, inclusive parish striving to be a reflection of Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to strengthening our faith through reverent and uplifting worship, serving those in need, and living the fullness of the Gospel with all God's people.

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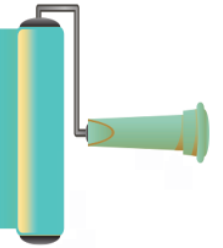
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