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ST. VINCENT MARTYR

Welcome!



THIRTY-SECOND
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Remembering Our First Love

Last weekend, I attended a fall retreat at Villa Pauline Retreat House of the Sisters of Christian Charity in Mendham, NJ. It was the perfect way to reflect on my vocation as we celebrated National Vocation Awareness Week in the Church. It was a silent retreat whose theme was "Remember Your First Love." It aimed to give us a break from our daily routine to reflect on the moment we first fell in love with the Lord and left everything behind to follow Him. As seminarians, priests, and even laypeople, we can sometimes focus too much on our ministry and responsibilities and forget about the One who called and empowered us to do our ministry.

I now invite you to think about your first love, but before that, think about the fact that God our Father is love. He created us out of love, with the ability to love and be loved. Our vocations are based on this love, so whether we are priests, religious men and women, parents, or single people, we are all called to be like the One who is love. Our primary vocation and common goal should be to strive for holiness, our natural vocation. By being or aspiring to be holy, we can fulfill ourselves and glorify the Lord with our lives. We are all called to love Jesus Christ, and this love should animate us to pursue a unique lifestyle that brings Him to the world. Our vocation is a gift from God, and it is His way of having us serve others in this life with the hope of being with Him in the next. He has called each of us by name for a unique and wonderful plan!

Thinking about my first love, I remembered my days as an altar server. My pastor's love for the Eucharist and the sacraments inspired me to become a priest. Serving at the altar was the beginning of my journey to the priesthood. This first love of mine was when I was seven years old. So, I encourage parents to pray for their children's vocations, whether God is calling them to be priests, religious sisters, or brothers, or to get married so that by living a virtuous life, they can become a good reflection of God in the world. The Church prays for more holy marriages since they are the foundation of human life and the domestic church. The family is the "seedbed of vocations," where we learn the faith and how to be good Christians. Children look up to their parents, and as they grow up, they become an image of their parents.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, think about your first love that led you to your current vocation and keep thinking about it because Jesus calls us daily to follow Him. Even though we are imperfect, lack faith, have much to learn, have doubts, and are selfish, Jesus still calls us to be part of His Divine plan. What will you say to Him? Remember, for it is through Him, our first love, that we move, exist, and have our being.

God bless,
Carlos Vargas, Seminarian



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

5:00 pm Michal Cichon, Bill Eutsler, Judith Chesny,
Antonio, Anna & Ralph Allocca

7:00 pm For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:15 am Muriel & Bud Rafter, Joan Sodano

9:00 am Joseph Boschi, Joseph Strelec, Louis Vitale,
Lucy Santucci, Mary Jo Kindzierski

10:30 am Luisa & Orlando Serino, Anthony Cavazza,
Rose Lo Bosco, Gerardo Bledt,
Arlene Kennedy

12:00 pm Sam & Margaret Passarella,
Ronnie & Bill Liggett, George Kelly,
Ferdinandina Masiello,
Colleen & Brendan O'Reilly

5:00 pm Joe Kitchell, Nancy Esposito

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:30 am Carlos Mauricio Bledt, Arlene Kennedy

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:30 am Toni Chiarolanzio, Thomas Horstmann, Sr.,
Nancy Esposito

12:00 pm Patricia Ann DeLuca, Joseph Grosso

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:30 am Rose Hundt, Mary E. Salerno, Debi Guida

12:00 pm Isagani M. Yambot

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:30 am Joanne Yeager, William R. Tackaberry,
Robert Michael Grohol

12:00 pm Arlene Kennedy

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:30 am Zenon Wuszt, Joseph Kitchell

12:00 pm Giglio Ramina, Joe Kitchell

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:30 am Maria Adelina Ferreira, Frank McManus

5:00 pm Calinda & Trezza Families,
Vincent & Catherine Vecchiarelli,
Mary H. Warshany, Karen Kazanjian,
Joseph & Peggy Farrell,
Allocca & Infinito Families

7:00 pm For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:15 am Joe Kitchell, Arlene Kennedy

9:00 am Antoinette Loia, Mary Landolfi,
Lucy Santucci, Joan Serrani

10:30 am Robert McCauley, Karen Kazanjian,
Jack O'Donnell, Joseph Coddington,
Umberto Antonia & Domenico Caputo,
Pietro & Carolina Allocca

12:00 pm Fred Passarella, Bill Liggett,
Pat Geier, Arlene Kennedy,
Healing Intention for Don Carey, Sr.

5:00 pm Anna S. Ganly, Gerardo Bledt

Sacraments

FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON AND

A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE

... A TIME TO BE BORN

Emily Claire Baumle and
Kennedy Parker McPhaden
baptized on November 4, 2023

Frankie Nicole Allocco,
Bellamira Jolee Bennett, Emma Catherine Berry
and Alyssa Gianna Castaneda
baptized on November 5, 2023



...A TIME TO HEAL

Ira Vosper, Andrew Vaccaro, Kevin Conroy,
Tom Farley, Jackie Kruger, Gloria Thomas, Aida Corvelli,
Carol Jarmen, Bonnie Riley, Alice Giordano, Jake Mocko,
Lucyena Vermont, Patricia DeRiggi, Tom Dwyer,
Richard Galterio, Dante Gianfortune, Peggy Dellanno,
Joan Graziano, Sadie Lynn Harrigan, Bobbie Murphy,
Carmela & Hal Moeller, Bob Richton, Marilyn Rand

... A TIME TO DIE

Mary Newman, Mary Libretti

Candidates & Team Members of the Alpha Retreat
will be at the 5:00 PM mass on
Saturday, November 18th.



The Altar Bread & Wine is in Thanksgiving
of the Bledt Family
for the Week of November 12-18

HOLY HOUR

Every Thursday from 12:45 pm-1:45 pm
and it is livestreamed



MASS PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

5:00 pm—Fr. Owen / 7:00 pm—Fr. Yojan

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:15 am—Fr. Owen / 9:00 am—Fr. Owen
10:30 am—Fr. Owen / 12:00 pm—Fr. Yojan
5:00 pm—Fr. Chris

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Parish Vision Statement

Our Vision: St. Vincent Martyr, a Roman Catholic community where all are welcome and belong, is growing our faith in Jesus Christ, and personally moved by the Spirit, is bringing love, mercy, compassion, and justice into the world.

Mass Schedule

Saturday—5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday—7:15 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am

12:00 pm, 5:00 pm

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday 8:30 am, 12:00 noon; Saturday 8:30 am

Reconciliation Saturday

4:00-4:30 pm, 6:00-6:45 pm (Spanish)

Holy Days of Obligation

6:30 am, 8:30 am



Eucharistic Encounter Night

Nov. 19 at 6 PM.

In Scripture, personal encounters with the Lord led to profound transformation. Encounter nights offer you the chance to spend time with our Eucharistic Lord and taste the goodness that he has in store for your life.

The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

THANKSGIVING OUTREACH

Preparations are underway for our parish community's Thanksgiving Outreach. As many of you know, our parish assembles and distributes baskets of food for those in need here in Madison. We also provide baskets to the Vocationist Sisters who distribute them to the needy families they serve. Grocery store gift cards are sent to St. Agnes parish in Paterson and families assisted by Catholic Charities in Paterson. You can help in several ways.

- Prepare a basket (a sturdy box or laundry basket makes a great basket) consisting of a frozen turkey, potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, fresh fruits and vegetables, condiments and desserts—all the “fixins” for a Thanksgiving dinner. **Please pledge a basket by taking a tag from one of the baskets around the altar.** Each tag represents a specific family or individual. Detailed instructions for the preparation of the basket will be printed in a future bulletin and may be found on the SVM website.
- Volunteer on Sunday, November 19th from 12 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the school gym to help construct boxes and prep for Monday.
- Volunteer on Monday, November 20th beginning at 9:30 a.m. to help assemble and prepare baskets for distribution. There is a particular need for men to help unload the many heavy items that are donated beginning at 6:30 a.m. Those volunteers will work in two shifts—6:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. .
- Volunteer on Monday, November 20th to help assemble and prepare baskets for distribution.
- Volunteer to deliver baskets – locally – on Monday, November 20th between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. We can really use the assistance of the men of the parish for this. Please bring a flashlight!

Make a financial donation that will be applied toward the purchase of food for the baskets or a Shop-Rite gift card.

If you wish to help, please call or text Barbara Eutsler at 973-229-8365, send an email to bbeutsler@aol.com or fill out the form below and return it to the parish office, attn. Thanksgiving Outreach Coordinator.

I/We would like to help with the Thanksgiving Outreach.

_____ I/We will help prep from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 19.

_____ I/We will help unload donations from parishioners' vehicles on Monday, Nov. 20 for either the first or second shift. Please designate which shift by circling the word “first” or “second”.

_____ I/We will help assemble baskets during the day on Monday, November 20.

_____ I/We will help deliver baskets between 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. on Monday, November 20.

_____ I/We would like to make a donation of \$_____ toward the purchase of food for a basket.

Please make checks payable to St. Vincent Martyr-Thanksgiving Baskets. Enclose this form with your check and return it to the parish office in care of the Thanksgiving Outreach Coordinator or place it in the collection basket.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____



Thanksgiving Basket Guidelines

For those who are planning to prepare a basket of food to donate to those in need, there are a few guidelines to follow when putting it together.

1. Please bring the basket to St. Vincent's school gym on Monday, November 20th between 6:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
2. Choose a turkey or roasting chicken appropriate for the family you wish to feed.
 - 1-2 people: a chicken, turkey breast or small turkey
 - 3-4 people: a 12 to 15 lb. turkey
 - 5-6 people: a 16 to 18 lb. turkey
 - 7 or more people: a 19+ lb. turkey
3. **Make sure the bird is frozen and wrapped securely in newspaper and a brown bag. This will keep the bird cold and prevent thawing. Since paper bags are in short supply these days, please double wrap the bird in newspaper. Important: Please write the turkey size on the outside of the newspaper or brown bag.**
4. Include the "fixings" for a Thanksgiving dinner—rolls, stuffing, cranberry sauce, yams, vegetables, gravy, nuts, pies (not frozen) and some festive candies.
5. **No frozen food except the turkey should be included in the box. No milk, butter or other dairy products that would spoil without refrigeration for several hours.**
6. No alcoholic beverages please.
7. Place heavier foods on the bottom and crushable items (desserts, fruit, rolls, etc.) on the top.
8. Fresh fruits and vegetables are always welcome and appreciated.
9. Mark the outside of the box/basket indicating the number of people it is designed to feed.
A list of the contents of the box taped to the outside would also be appreciated.



CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

If Thanksgiving is right around the corner, then Christmas cannot be far behind. Work is underway for our annual Christmas outreach. Each year we have had a generous and warm response to the poor and struggling in our community, and throughout our Diocese. Because of the generosity of so many of you, we are able to bring some of Christ's light into the lives of many. There are a variety of ways that you can participate if you are interested.

Giving Tree: A Christmas tree will be in the church vestibule with gift requests on it beginning Thanksgiving weekend. Anyone interested can take a tag, purchase the gift requested and return it, wrapped and **with the tag attached** by **December 10**. These gifts go to local families, to Diocesan or county agencies and to poor parishes.

Adoption: If you wish to consider anonymously "adopting" a family or individuals to give them a special Christmas, **please contact Jeanne Buckley BEFORE November 19, 2023**. The family or individual's needs/requests, and instructions for drop off will be forwarded to you.

Donations: Food cards or financial donations are always welcome. Please call or drop a note to the Social Ministry in the Sunday collection. Donations made by check should be made payable to: **St. Vincent Martyr – Christmas Outreach.**

Volunteer: Help is always welcomed and greatly appreciated because 'many hands' really do 'make light work'.

If you are interested in volunteering some time towards the Christmas Outreach or if you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Jeanne Buckley at 201-988-4246 or via email at jeanneb1967@optonline.net.

Stewardship

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

This week the readings challenge us to consider how we are stewarding our relationship with Jesus. Although the lesson of the parable notes that we will not know the day and the hour when the master (Jesus) will come, we need to remember that He is *always* here. As the Book of Revelation says, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock." This week we have to take stock of our relationship with Jesus and ask ourselves if we are like the wise virgins who are prepared for the arrival of the bridegroom and are almost desperate to see him. And so, with them in mind, during our time in prayer, we should reflect on their dedication to the bridegroom and consider our own dedication to the Lord. Do we bring Him our problems? Do we seek His counsel? Do we want to be with Him? He desperately wants to be with us which is why He is outside our door. May we always ensure we invite Him in.



HOPE HOUSE FOOD COLLECTION

Next weekend is our food collection for Hope House, Dover. Items such as cold cereal, oatmeal, coffee, tea, jelly, rice, pasta, tomato products, canned vegetables, soups, peanut butter, paper products and more. Please drop off at the church vestibule between 9-5 on November 18 & 19. Thank you for your continued generous support!

Eva's Kitchen Collection

We will be collecting and delivering warm socks, winter gloves, hats and scarves for the homeless at Eva's Kitchen. Anyone interested in donating new items should place them in the bin located in the church vestibule the week-ends of November 11th and 18th.

Thank you, Diane & John Primavera

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

Open to parish members over the age of 18 who are interested in sharing prayer, music and fellowship. The group meets monthly in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted. The upcoming meeting dates are Sun. Dec. 3** at 5 pm Mass, Mon. Jan. 8, Mon. Feb. 5, Tues., Mar. 5, Tues., Apr. 9, Mon. May 6 and Mon. June 3** at 6 pm (**meeting in Church). Interested participants can email: svmbereavement@gmail.com or call 973-520-7221 to sign up and for more information.

2023 DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL "I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME"



When you give to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, you should be confident knowing that it supports four causes: 1) our Catholic Charities' programs, including helping fund the renovation of the Father English Food Pantry in Paterson, 2) seminarian education, 3) Catholic urban education and 4) Nazareth Village and retired priests' needs. The Diocesan Ministries Appeal also supports parishes, as 50% of all funds received over a parish's goal is returned to them directly for their own needs. Funds raised in the Diocesan Ministries Appeal stay in the Paterson Diocese and are used only for the purposes described above.

Please consider a donation to the 2023 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Scan the QR code or visit www.2023appeal.org to make a gift today.





Special Anniversary Celebration

Gold & Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, November 12th—3:00 PM

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
Paterson



Rosary Altar Society Meeting

Monday, November 13

in the Community Room

6:45 pm Social

7:00 pm Rosary

7:20 pm Activity: Help us pack Breakfast

Bags to support Nourish NJ

All are most welcome!

MINISTRY

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Liturgy is the work of the people. We are always happy to prepare new ministers to serve at our weekend and weekday liturgies. To learn more about Reading at Mass, Serving at the Altar and becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Contact Jan at jan.figenshu@svmnj.org or phone at ext 253.

ORGANIST POSITION

St. Vincent Martyr Parish is actively seeking applicants for the position of church organist. Interested applicants should visit <https://files.ecatholic.com/11416/documents/2023/10/SVM%20Organist%20Job%20Description%202023-1.pdf?t=1698419919000> for details and how to apply.

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Delbarton Mothers' Guild Presents

Monday, November 13, 2023, 12PM-9PM

Sip & Shop Cocktail party: 5PM

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 9AM-7PM



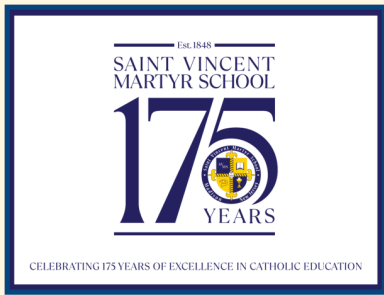
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The SVMS 175th Anniversary Committee is in search of historic photos, textbooks, academic awards and other school memorabilia for display at our anniversary events. If your family has any of these items that you would like to share with the school during this anniversary year, please send an email with a brief description of the items and the approximate date (attach a photo if possible). Emails may be directed to Jen Nolan at muissi@fordham.edu. We may ask to display some items or photograph them for inclusion in print media. Many thanks for your help with this 175th archival project!



Special needs coordinator and catechist are needed to assist the formation of children in religious education.

If you or someone you know has had proper training and experience, please contact Denise.Stefanelli@svmny.org or 973-377-4000 ext. 251 for more information.

MOMS WITH LITTLE ONES

Calling all moms (and caretakers) with babies and toddlers to join our Moms with Little Ones group for a fun bi-weekly get together.

This group is a great way to make new friends within our SVM and Madison community. The group meets currently on Tuesday mornings below the Parish offices.

Please text Christine at 908-752-3416 for further information and to be included on the email list of when and where the gatherings take place. We have so many kid friendly activities planned! We welcome you to join us.



YOUTH MINISTRY

1. Alpha Final team fall and winter talk team meeting is November 12th at 7pm in the youth center.
2. The Fall Antioch team meeting is Wednesday, November 15th, at 7:00 pm in the youth center.
3. The Alpha Retreat begins this Friday, November 17th from 7-11 pm and on Saturday, November 18th from 9:15 am until 6:15 pm. Details were mailed and e-mailed to all who registered.
4. The wait list link is available on the parish website to register for the upcoming Alpha retreat at www.svmny.org, click on learn, retreats and 9th grade November alpha to register. This is the only retreat link that is open.
5. The Alpha Retreat will close at the 5pm mass on Saturday, November 18th.

SVMS FAMILY SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

Registration is open for the SVMS Ski & Snowboard Club. Families not enrolled in SVMS or SVM are welcome to join. The 5-week club, for all ability levels and ages, meets on Sunday afternoons at 3pm at Shawnee Mountain in the Poconos beginning January 21st. Members are responsible for their own transportation to and from Shawnee Mountain, which is approximately a 1-hour ride from Madison. There are no buses. Registration deadline is December 1st, so please don't delay. Contact Sean Van Slyke at SEAN.VANSPLYKE@GMAIL.COM for more information.

San Vicente Mártir

12 de noviembre de 2023

Experiencia Hispana

Recordando nuestro primer amor

El fin de semana pasado asistí a un retiro de otoño en la Casa de Retiros Villa Pauline de las Hermanas de la Caridad Cristiana en Mendham, Nueva Jersey. Fue la manera perfecta de reflexionar sobre mi vocación mientras celebrábamos la Semana Nacional de Concientización sobre las Vocaciones en la Iglesia. Fue un retiro silencioso cuyo tema fue "Recuerda tu primer amor". Su objetivo era darnos un descanso de nuestra rutina diaria para reflexionar sobre el momento en que nos enamoramos del Señor por primera vez y dejamos todo atrás para seguirlo. Como seminaristas, sacerdotes e incluso laicos, a veces podemos concentrarnos demasiado en nuestro ministerio y responsabilidades y olvidarnos de Aquel que nos llamó y nos dio poder para realizar nuestro ministerio.

Te invito ahora a pensar en tu primer amor, pero antes piensa en que Dios nuestro Padre es amor. Nos creó por amor, con capacidad de amar y ser amados. Nuestras vocaciones se basan en este amor, por lo que ya seamos sacerdotes, religiosos, religiosas, padres o solteros, todos estamos llamados a ser como Aquel que es amor. Nuestra vocación principal y objetivo común debe ser luchar por la santidad, nuestra vocación natural. Al ser o aspirar a ser santos, podemos realizarnos y glorificar al Señor con nuestra vida. Todos estamos llamados a amar a Jesucristo, y este amor debe animarnos a seguir un estilo de vida único que lo traiga al mundo. Nuestra vocación es un regalo de Dios, y es su manera de hacernos servir a los demás en esta vida con la esperanza de estar con Él en la próxima. ¡Él nos ha llamado a cada uno de nosotros por nuestro nombre para un plan único y maravilloso!

Pensando en mi primer amor, recordé mis días como monaguillo. El amor de mi pastor por la Eucaristía y los sacramentos me inspiró a convertirme en sacerdote. Servir en el altar fue el comienzo de mi camino hacia el sacerdocio. Este primer amor mío fue cuando tenía siete años. Por eso, animo a los padres a orar por las vocaciones de sus hijos, ya sea que Dios los esté llamando a ser sacerdotes, hermanas o hermanos religiosos, o a casarse para que, viviendo una vida virtuosa, puedan convertirse en un buen reflejo de Dios en el mundo. La Iglesia ora por más matrimonios santos ya que son el fundamento de la vida humana y de la iglesia doméstica. La familia es el "semillero de vocaciones", donde aprendemos la fe y cómo ser buenos cristianos. Los niños admiran a sus padres y, a medida que crecen, se convierten en una imagen de sus padres.

Por eso, hermanos míos, piensen en su primer amor que los llevó a su vocación actual y sigan pensando en él porque Jesús nos llama diariamente a seguirlo. Aunque somos imperfectos, nos falta fe, tenemos mucho que aprender, tenemos dudas y somos egoístas, Jesús todavía nos llama a ser parte de Su plan Divino. ¿Qué le dirás a él? Recuerda, porque es a través de Él, nuestro primer amor, que nos movemos, existimos y tenemos nuestro ser.

Dios los bendiga,

Carlos Vargas, Seminarista

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¿CÓMO ANOTAR UNA INTENCIÓN PARA LA MISA EN ESPAÑOL?

1. Acercarse a la oficina de lunes a Viernes de 9 am—3:30 pm
2. Indicarle a la secretaria fecha y nombre del difunto/ motivo de la intención.
3. Entregar la ofrenda

CAMPAÑA PARA LOS MINISTERIOS DIOCESANOS 2023

“Te he llamado por tu nombre”

Cuando das a la Campaña para los ministerios diocesanos, debes tener la confianza de saber que apoya cuatro causas: 1) nuestros programas de Caridades católicas, incluso ayuda a financiar la renovación del banco de alimentos Father English Food Pantry en Paterson, 2) educación de seminaristas, 3) educación católica en zonas urbanas y 4) Nazareth Village y las necesidades de los sacerdotes jubilados. La Campaña para los ministerios diocesanos además apoya a las parroquias, ya que el 50% de todos los fondos que se reciban por encima de la meta de la parroquia se regresan a ellas directamente para sus propias necesidades. Los fondos recolectados en la Campaña para los ministerios diocesanos se quedan en la Diócesis de

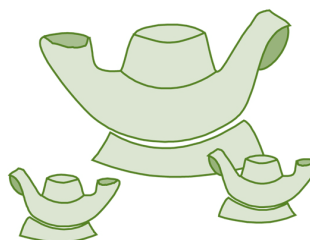
Paterson y se usan solamente para los propósitos descritos anteriormente.

Por favor considera dar una donación a la Campaña para los ministerios diocesanos 2023.

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