# Saint Cecilia Parish

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#### CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

All Catholic Churches in the United States require from Catholics serving as a Godparent for Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation a certificate of eligibility. This document certifies that the Godparent/sponsor is a registered member of the parish, attends Holy Mass, approaches the sacraments regularly and contributes to the support of the Church via the Sunday offering envelope program or "WeShare". It is the responsibility of the individual to meet these requirements as listed in the Code of Canon Law, #874.

#### **MASSES**

Saturday: 4:30 pm, 7:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:15 am 10:45 am and 12:15 pm 5:00 pm (Vietnamese)

Holydays Vigil 4:30 pm 6:30 am, 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

Weekday Schedule:
Monday - Friday
6:30 am & 8:00 am
Saturday
8:00 am followed by Novena

Confessions
Saturday @ 3:00 - 4:00 pm & 6:15-6:45 pm
Monday during Holy Hour
7:00 - 8:00 pm

Ms. Susan Brennan TRUSTEE

Mr. James Gallagher TRUSTEE

#### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Arrangements for the Sacrament of Baptism can be made by calling Fr. Matt at extension 15.

## **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Arrangements are to be made at least ONE YEAR in advance. The date should not be set until the priest has been consulted.

#### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Urgent calls will be attended to at any time of the day or night. If there is anyone at home or in the hospital who cannot get to Mass and the Sacraments because of illness or old age, please inform one of the priests or call the Parish Office @ 973-627-0313.

EMERGENCY PHONE: 862-251-3914

# NOVENA: OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL AND OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Saturday morning after the 8:00 am Mass

HOLY HOUR: Monday @ 7:00 pm (Sept. to June)

OCIA—ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION— FOR

**ADULTS:** 

Please contact Sr. Diane – sdmoughan@gmail.com

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP: Monday through Sat. @ 7:30 am FEMININE GENIUS PROJECT: 1st & 3rd Saturday of the

month at 8:00 pm in the parish office.

ST. JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP: 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month

at 6:00 am in the parish office. **PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP:** 1st Wednesday of the month;

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ST. MONICA NOVENA: Last Saturday after 8:00 am Mass.

## Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Friday: 8:30 am to 2:00 pm Closed for lunch: 12:00 to 1:00

# Monday, February 17, The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

6:30 am – Special Intention

8:00 am – Clara Jozwiak

#### Tuesday, February 18, Weekday

6:30 am – For the sick listed in our bulletin and their Families

8:00 am – Isabel Blazejewski req. by Dianna & John Sullivan

#### Wednesday, February 19, Weekday

6:30 am – Olumbe Jelani Bryan

8:00 am - Scott Bridgman req. by Karen Kufall

#### Thursday, February 20, Weekday

6:30 am – Milton, Mary & Thomas Kulawiec

8:00 am — Deceased Members of the LaFountain Family req. by Agnes Maye

# Friday, February 21, Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:30 am – Joseph C. Feola

8:00 am – Joan Carroll reg. by Pat Degnan

#### Saturday, February 22, The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

8:00 am – George & Rose Ann Cunningham req. by Ed & Mary Merz

#### Sunday, February 23, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 pm— Geoff Pinkerton req. by the Oatley Family John Janosik req. by Jim & Isabel Rattay

7:00 pm - John Brinkman req. by Barbara & Family

8:00 am – Jean Asti req. by Ed & Mary Merz

9:15 am — Lorraine & Donald Schneeloch req. by Family

10:45 am- Renato Sebastian & Antonita DeJesus req. by Family Denise C. Madden req. by Jeanine & Nicholas Losito

12:15 pm — Margaret Starkes req. by Rosalie & Bob Marmara Janice Ann McClain req. by Kevin Maulbeck

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS	
Week Ending: February 9, 2025	
Collection—Checks & Cash	\$ 7,154.35
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$ 5,802.25
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 12.056.60
Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)	\$ 785,000.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 14,313.73
Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (1,357.13)
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 13,238.14
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The Sanctuary Candle burning on our altar this week is in loving memory of Robert Quinby, Jr.

Requested by his wife, Barbara

Our Condolences to the Family of
Ricardo Bazan, Hector Ortiz, Deborah Schaffer
And Steven Raymond
Eternal Rest Grant to them Lord

**BEWARE OF SCAMS** – Be on the alert of scams which say they are from me. THEY ARE NOT!!! Please call me at the office (973.627.0313x12) if you have **doubt** about a text, email, etc, which is supposedly from me asking for money,

gift cards, favors, etc. PLEASE DO NOT BE FOOLED!!!

Fr. Zig

## PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Ethan Chandra, Dean Wayne Campbell, Doris Cusick, Jane Gorcica, Sam Sessa, Karen Niles, Noel Wadleigh, David Cicchine, Teresa D'Atria, Derek Bascharow, Debbie Malc, Grace McDermott, Joe Horvath, Jr., Elvira Bugaoan, Owen Peter Byrne, Tia Maddaloni, Mason Walker Steussing, Susan Mejia, Derek Bascharow, Jim Rattay, Tom Hull, Kathleen Fazio, Kristin Wich, Kyle Johnson, Kate Darlington, Jake Michael Miraldi, Cheryl Anne Bornemann, Sean Nolan, Maryann Hughes, Peggy Eileen Miars, Ray Kennedy, Richard Corcoran, Madison Rose Leslie, Demetrius Barbee, Frances Finn, Dorothy Murray, Kimberly Dugan, Gale Sessa, Mike Murray, Michael Turner, Ruben Lorenzo, Michael Alvarez, Mina Simmons-Jones, Joe Maulbeck, Mary Merz, Patricia Smith Schulman, Vincent Fortunato, Joyce Turner, Tom Cummiskey, Dennis O'Brien, Steven Simmons, Ariel, James DiStaiso, Marty Mackin, Brian Bosworth, Dennis Dilger, Robyne LaGrotta, Christopher Darlak, Frieda Solow, Claudia Fontanella, Claire Wasacz, Emilio Viola, Martha Salvesen, Ramiro Hinojosa, Jimmy Buckley, Clare Desmond, Craig Huffman, George Stitik, Stephen Goordman, Cecilia Donofrio, Deidra Zink, Anthony Pane, Victoria Zuber, Keith Newman, Francis Sanchez, Raymond Fullam, John Sandelli, Alan Zenkert, Fran Gatzke, Bob Nielsen, Gert Taylor, Walter Zelinski, Clo Callahan, Michael McClain, David Saggioli, Michael Hafke, Tyler Bascharow, Kevin R. Bruno, II, Jeremiah O'Brien, Lanie Bruno, Joan Apgar, Richard Sala, Richard Cortese, Kira Woyce, Anthony D'Alessio, Colin Brown, Katherine Lynn, Sophie Boylan, Michael Gatzke, Philip Colombrito, Esperanza Vertucci, Molly Mack, Michele Murray, Jimmy Olgeluie, Mark Howarth, Logan Mattessich, Harry Lusardi.

The people of St. Cecilia Parish are asked to pray for the following people serving our country in the armed services: **SmE3 Andrew Clifford**,

Joseph Giannetti US Navy, Lance Corporal Dennis Wuest, Capt. Kelley E. Robbins, Pvt USMC, Diego Usma, Major Glenn E. Martinez, Sgt. Brian Whalen, Capt. Anthony Odierno, Cpl. Kong V. Nguyen, Cpl. Jim Van Valen, LCPL Anthony Eresman, Sgt. Paul J. Willson, PFC Cano Janeth, Sgt. Bob Autrey, Col. William Paliwada, Sgt 1st Class (E7) Sam Colon, PFC Marylyn Rivera-Sachez, Cpl. Edward C. Thompson, Major Kevin M. Nash, Lt. Amy Cronin, Col. John L. Medeiros, Jr., Sgt. Daniel Healy, Marine Keith Leitner, Sgt. Spencer Lopez, PFC Taryn Kemp, Jeffrey Braunhausen, E7 Joseph Grimsey, Bill Maloney, Greg Bloete, Gian Carlo Bruzzese, Spc. Christopher Little, PFC Brittany Martindell, PO1 (E6) Matthew Fitzgerald, SA Justin C. White, Matthew & Daniel Rosica, Mark Leonard, Sr. Armn. Ashley Valetta, Sgt. John Wisnofsky, Cpl. T.J. Finn, Sgt. Kristopher Faber, Capt. Vincent Presto, Airman First Class William Kussler, Spc. Gregory Villaneuva. We ask God the Father of us all, through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel, to protect all the men and women in our Armed Forces, to bless them in their efforts toward bringing peace and justice to our world. May they be brought back safely to those they love. 580-St. Cecilia

<u>LENTEN PROGRAM</u> – The complete listing of liturgies and programs which will be part of our parish Lenten experience will be printed in next Sunday's bulletin.

WHEN A PRIEST IS NEEDED—When a family member is sick and in need of a priest for the sacraments please call the parish office so that a priest will be notified of the request. ON THE WEEKENDS, HOLIDAYS AND EVENINGS AFTER OFFICE HOURS, PLEASE CALL THE EMERGENCY NUMBER (862-251-3914) AND LEAVE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER CLEARLY AND A PRIEST WILL RESPOND. Please note that the hospital does not call the parish office to notify the priest if a parishioner is admitted. This becomes the families responsibility.

#### MASS CARDS

We are asked to pray for the dead. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one.

Call the Parish Office 973-627-0313

~Offering \$15.00~

CHURCH TOUR – Do you know the meaning and reason for everything you see in our church? You are invited to a tour of our church with Father Zig on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 8:45 a.m. (right after the 8 o'clock Mass). Father Zig will take us from the vestibule to the sanctuary, from the ceiling to the floor, from the windows to the walls. The tour will take a little over one hour and is one of the 150<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary Events which have been schedule for this year!

PARISH CARNIVAL — Our parish will host a 4 day carnival, Thursday-September 11 to Sunday-September 14 at the Firemen's Field located on Beach Street in the Borough. This is one of the events associated with our parish's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As we plan for this event I am looking for help in a variety of areas. A meeting will take place on Thursday evening, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 o'clock in Hayes Hall. I am inviting YOU to attend to see where you may be able to help us for a successful event. — Father Zig



<u>OUR CHILDREN</u> – Children should be accompanied by a parent or adult when using the restrooms in the parish hall. We want to make sure that our children return to Mass promptly and safely. Your cooperation is appreciated.



JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE – His Excellency Bishop Sweeney has designated SAINT BERNARD CHURCH (22 St. Bernards Drive in Mount Hope) as a designated pilgrim site for the Diocese of Paterson. Pilgrims are welcome on Monday evenings for Holy Mass at 6:30, followed by Holy Hour and Confessions. A plenary indulgence is granted to pilgrims. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, calls all Christians to become pilgrims of hope. This is a virtue which must be sourced above all in the grace of God and in the fullness of His mercy. A plenary indulgence is given to those who are: truly repentant: free from any affection for sin; moved by a spirit of charity; receive the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist; and pray for the intentions of Pope Francis (1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and 1 Glory be...). A plenary indulgence is the full remission of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven. This jubilee grace can be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory through pilgrimage, whose works of mercy and penance, and visits to a Jubilee designated shrine or church, such as Saint Bernard's.

## JUBILEE 2025 PRAYER FROM POPE FRANCIS

Father in Heaven, may the faith You have given us in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of Your Kingdom. May Your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, Your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To You our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen

<u>JUBILEE BANNER</u> – The 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope Banner will be displayed in the sanctuary of the church from Christmas Eve until the end of the Jubilee Year, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Our thanks to the Rosary Society for donating the jubilee banner.

Monday, February 17

DMA & Parish Office are closed

Tuesday, February 18

DMA closed

9:30 am—Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

12:00 pm—Seniors Meeting (Hayes Hall)

7:00 pm—2nd Grade Parent's Meeting (Hayes Hall)

7:45 pm—Light of Christ Prayer Group (Hayes Hall)

Wednesday, February 19

Thursday, February 20

7:00 pm—Anniversary Meeting (Hayes Hall)

Friday, February 21

7:00 pm—150th Anniversary Event (Hayes Hall)

Saturday, February 22

Sunday, February 23

8:00 pm—LTP (Hayes Hall)

NO MORE PRINT EDITION — His Excellency, Bishop Kevin Sweeney has announced that the printed version of the diocesan newspaper, The Beacon, has come to a conclusion. Mounting costs and a change in readership options has contributed to this decision by diocesan leadership. The Bishop is inviting us to read the on-line version of The Beacon at https://beaconnj.org/. Information is also at the site for a subscription to the "Beacon and Beyond" Newsletter.

<u>ITALY PILGRIMAGE MEETING</u> – I would like to meet with those who will be accompanying me on our parish pilgrimage to Rome in April to a gathering on Tuesday evening, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 o'clock in Hayes Hall. Our departure date is coming soon and I would like to share some information with you. It will be exciting to be in Rome during this *Jubilee Year of Hope* and to walk through the HOLY DOOR of Saint Peter Basilica! I can't wait!! Fr. Zig

PARISH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE – In conjunction with our parish's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration next year I will be leading a pilgrimage to Italy. We leave from Newark International Airport on Monday, April 21 (2025) for our 11 day visit to Rome, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo (St. Padre Pio), Bari (Shrine of St. Nicholas) and many more stops. This 11 day pilgrimage coincides with the Holy Year Jubilee in which we will also visit and celebrate Mass in the Basilica of Saint Cecilia. The cost per person is \$5,384. Please visit the 206 TOURS website and enter tour #sp042125 for the itinerary, registration and other information. I hope you will join me on this faith-filled tour! We return on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> thanking God for this wonderful experience. – Father Zig

# Divine Mercy Academy News

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year at Divine Mercy Academy in Rockaway is now open!

Come see the difference an academically excellent Catholic education makes! Divine Mercy Academy is a Catholic elementary school offering a comprehensive Pre-K through 8th grade faith-based education. We offer a safe, secure & compassionate environment with a high level of individualized attention; certified teachers; weekly liturgies & daily Religion class; academic curriculum with all core subjects; STEM; physical education; music, art, Spanish & library, with technology integrated throughout the curriculum. Aftercare and extracurricular activities available.

Transfer Grants and Scholarships are available to eligible students.

Full day & Half Day Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 programs available. Full Day Kindergarten. We are located at 87 Halsey Avenue in Rockaway. Visit our website at <a href="https://www.dmarockaway.org">www.dmarockaway.org</a> or call 973-627-6003 for more information.

#### **LIGHTS OUT CONCERT**

Save the date: March 29, 2025, 8PM
St Pius Church School Gymnasium, Montville
Knights of Columbus Fundraising Concert
A former Las Vegas Headliner **LIGHTS OUT** (Frankie
Valli Tribute & more)
Tickets \$25/pp now through 2/23/25
Tickets go up to \$35/pp starting 2/24/25
We look forward to your support!

Contact Mark Hanson for tickets. 319-270-9610

RAFFLE SALE – The Sisters of Christian Charity will sponsor their annual CARING BASKET GALA on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Parsippany Hotel. This annual event supports the Assumption College for Sisters in Denville to provide education for religious sisters from various African and Asian countries. The Sisters will be here to sell tickets for the raffle which will be held in conjunction to the Gala on SATURDAY, MARCH 1 AND SUNDAY MARCH 2. Let's help the Sisters in this important fund raiser. Please support them with your participation! – Father Zig

RAFFLE SALE – The Rosyglo Foundation will sell tickets for their annual raffle on Saturday and Sunday, March 8 and 9 following all Masses. The Rosyglo Foundation is very generous to our school and has given us thousands of dollars over the past few years. This is well worth our support since it also assists the Sisters of Christian Charity in their good works. Father Zig

<u>WINTER POLICY</u> - In the event of inclement weather and Divine Mercy Academy is closed, the parish office will be closed and the church will be open ONLY for the liturgical service scheduled. Also, all evening events will be cancelled.

CHOIR - As we prepare for Lent & Easter, an invitation is extended to all those who would like to serve in the music ministry. Please know that there will be no choir rehearsal on February 26 or March 5. We will return to rehearsals every Wednesday at 7:30 pm after Ash Wednesday on March 12.

FOR HIGH SCHOOL & YOUNG MEN – Bishop Sweeney is inviting young men, high school age and older to an evening of prayer and dinner on Friday evening, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 at Saint Lawrence Church in Chester. At the event vocation talks will be given by priests and seminarians. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about the life of a priest and allow for the meeting of other young men trying to discover God's call in their lives. The event is free of charge but registration must be made by contacting Father Charlie or Father Ed at 973.777.8818X715 or yocations@patersondiocese.org.

#### SIGN UP TO FLOCKNOTE

If you would like to receive emails or text messages with important information regarding our parish life PLEASE SIGN UP TO FLOCKNOTE. This is all totally free for you to use, you don't even have to download anything or create a password in order to participate. You just take a couple minutes to sign up and it lets you receive email or text messages from the groups and ministries that you choose. Your info is kept totally private and, again, it lets you choose precisely which groups and ministries you want to get email and text messages from here at St. Cecilia Church. To register simply text SCC2020 to 84576 OR go to the home page of our website: st-cecilia.org and there you will find other ways to register for this important communication tool.

#### It's Safe, It's Simple & It's Convenient Give online with WeShare

Support St. Cecilia Parish today using your debit or credit card or checking or savings account: Visit www.st-cecilia.org and click Donate Online. Select the collection or event of your choice. Set up your donation or payment. That's it! OR SCAN HERE:



#### PRACTICAL WAYS TO RECLAIM SUNDAY

Give God your best: Sunday is a day that reminds us of our dignity as children of God. So give your Sunday a special flair—like dressing up for Mass, eating special treats, or using nicer dishes.

**Extra God-time:** Let your heart and mind rest in God. For example: Pray a rosary or Lectio Divina or make a Holy Hour at church. Our hearts thirst to be with God, and He gives us a peace that nothing and no one else can.

**Community Time:** Step away from the screen and social media for quality face-to-face conversation. Cook up a new recipe and share a no-phones meal together! Take a picnic, watercolor, or play board games. Invite those in need of community to join you.



A NEW PIANO – The electronic piano in the choir loft, which we had for many years, became non repairable. This instrument is used on a regular basis, along with the organ, to accompany the music ministry during divine worship. A new electronic piano was recently purchased and is a fine instrument which will serve us for years to come. If you are interested in serving as a donor for this project I ask that you contact me in person or call me at the parish office (973.627.0313, X12) for information. This would be a wonderful donation to the parish in our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year. Our patroness, Saint Cecilia, is always depicted in icons playing at a keyboard instrument as the patron saint of music. I know that Saint Cecilia will intercede for you as she stands before the Lord in glory! – Father Zig

<u>Sung Traditional Latin Requiem Mass:</u> Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Rockaway on Tuesday Feb. 18 at 7:00 PM. Please join us and the Purgatorial Society to pray for all the souls in Purgatory. Mass will be sung in the original language of our Church. There will be a beautiful prayer on behalf of all those awaiting Heaven. Additionally, all are invited to enroll their deceased loved ones in society by going to PurgatorialSociety.Org. Your loved ones will then be included in the prayers at every requiem mass that the society celebrates.



My dear parishioners,

Today is the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel for this Sunday we hear the story of the "Sermon on the Plain" in which the BEATITUDES are spoken by the Lord. In the Gospel of Matthew we hear of the same account with a bit of a different twist, the "Sermon on the Mount." In both Gospels the Lord speaks of a code of conduct which is exemplary and to which His disciples are called to emulate. The Lord makes the contrast with the "woes" which are indications of life being lived in a manner not conducive to being His disciple.

A similar theme is found in the Old Testament reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah. The Lord blesses those who hope and trust in Him, for they flourish and grow. Likewise those who turn from the Lord are cursed to wither and die. Yes, the blessed are those who hope in the Lord and trust in His promise. The Apostle Paul reminds us of this in today's epistle reading from his first Letter to the Corinthians regarding the Resurrection. Christ is raised from the dead and for all who place their faith and hope in Him that they too will experience this same glory. To believe this is to be counted among the blessed, the Saints, who throughout the ages looked to the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus as their strength for living. This motivation inspired them to conduct themselves in a manner which is counter-cultural and by doing so demonstrated to others the ways which are pleasing to God.

Sharing in the victory of Christ's Holy Resurrection is the joyful hope which unites the Church. Knowing that we will one day enjoy the eternal life the Lord has prepared for all those who love Him is the faith we hold. Let us strive to be counted among the "Blessed" so that the world may see and believe!

The holy season of Lent is quickly approaching and what a wonderful time this will be for our spiritual renewal. Lent challenges us and refreshes us in our spiritual life so that when we approach the holy mountain of Easter to celebrate our Lord's Holy Resurrection we will be among the BLESSED. Standing in this assembly we will praise the Lord rejoicing that our reward will be great in heaven.

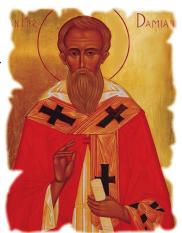
GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST-GLORY FOREVER! Father Zig

### ST. PETER DAMIAN, Bishop and Doctor of the Church February 21 – Patron of Headache Sufferers

A DEVOTED collaborator of Pope St. Gregory VII and, like him, a Benedictine, St. Peter Damian was one of the most glorious lights of the Church in the 11<sup>th</sup> century. Born in Revenna in 1007, he became a Camaldolese monk at the monastery of Fonte Avellana, of which he became Abbot. He later became Cardinal and Bishop of Ostia and Velletri.

St. Peter Damian worked zealously for the internal reform of the Church by fighting against such abuses as simony and incontinence. He wrote many works on ascetical theology. He is numbered as one of the Doctors of the Church and died at Faenza in 1072.

PRAYER Almighty God, help us to follow the teachings and example of St. Peter. Placing Christ above all things, may we be ever active in the service of Your Church and attain the joys of eternal light. Amen.



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