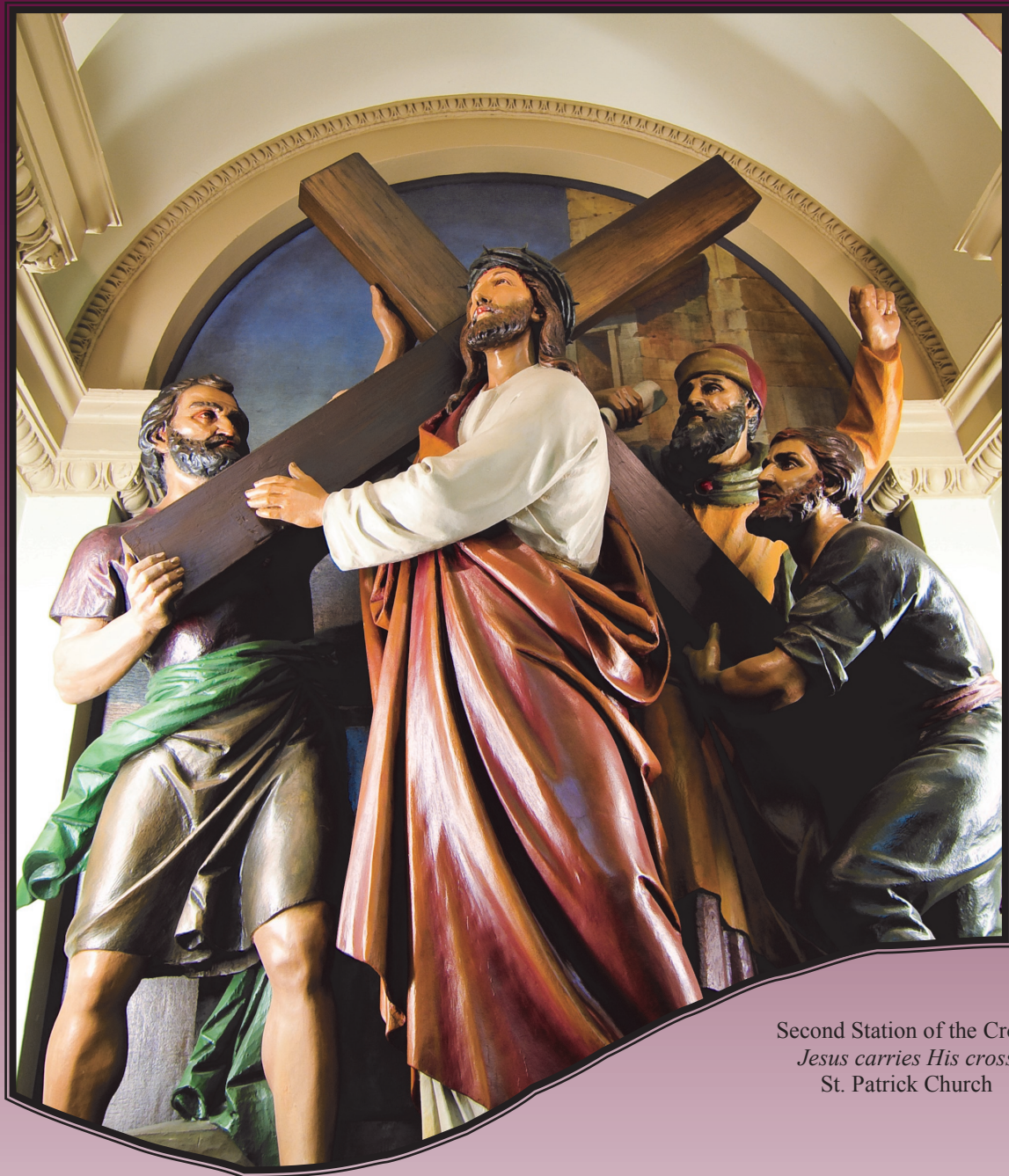
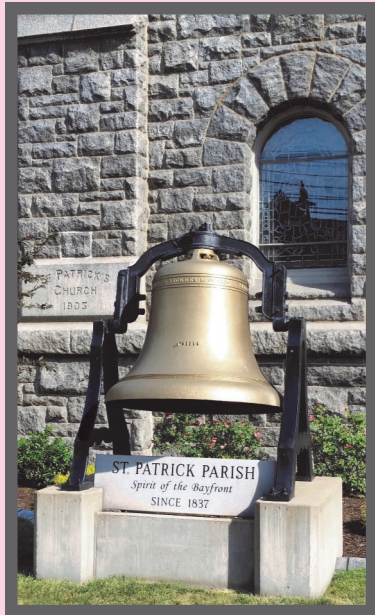


Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 26, 2017



Second Station of the Cross
Jesus carries His cross
St. Patrick Church

Saint Patrick Parish
Serving the East Bayfront of Erie since 1837
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday 8 AM
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5 PM
Sunday: 8 AM & 10:30 AM



Saint Patrick Parish

130 East 4th Street
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MASS SCHEDULE:

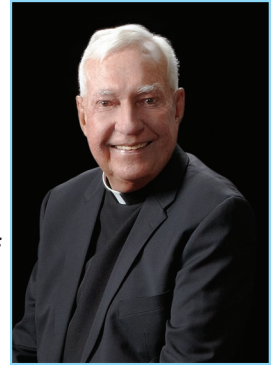
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Mass: 12:00 PM

From the Pastor's Desk...



Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent. In describing God's choice of David as King of Israel, today's first reading raises a familiar theme of the Scriptures: God neither judges nor acts according to human standards. In the previous chapter, God has rejected Saul, the first king, because of his disobedience. The prophet Samuel goes to Jesse and presents each of his seven sons to God beginning with the eldest and God rejects them all. Samuel does not even present the youngest because he is still a shepherd youth. As soon as Jesse brings forth the young shepherd, Samuel declares him the new king and David receives the divine presence. This point emphasizes another important theme in Scripture: anyone given a task by God also received continuing divine power to carry it out.

As a whole, the Letter to the Ephesians focuses on the universality of the church and its unity in Christ. Many scholars suggest that rather than a letter to a particular community, this work is a circular letter written by a later follower of Paul, intended for the entire church. The letter stresses the unity of Christians: the church, including Jews and Gentiles, is one body. All are members of Christ through baptism, living in the one Spirit. Like several other New Testament writers, the author compares life with or without Christ to living in darkness or in the light. The closing phrase, "Awake, O sleeper..." comes from an early hymn used in baptism liturgies.

John's gospel reflects religious tensions of his time. John's repeated negative reference to "the Jews" does not reject the entire Jewish people, but points to those of his time who strongly opposed or rejected belief in Jesus. Among those who rejected Jesus were the Pharisees and they are portrayed in today's reading in a very negative light. In his gospel John will strongly note the need for belief in Jesus. He uses the word 98 times and always as a verb. He contrasts the two attitudes of belief in Jesus or rejection in the

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

Pharisees and the blind man: those who refuse the Light of the World sink more deeply into darkness, while the blind man, illumined by Christ, comes to see clearly and believes.

Pastors have been notified by the bishop's office that the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday this year cannot begin before 8:30 PM. There is no 5 PM Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday.

From all reports, the transition of many of our parishes into partnership with others or complete merger into others has gone rather smoothly. It was the process that enables this. Parishioners were walked through the process, were listened to, were active participants in the process. What happens now is that any church which was merged into another parish now goes on the tax rolls unless it continues to be used for worship. We pay taxes, for example, on our property, the rectory, parking lots, etc. The only building that is tax exempt is the church building itself. Once that building would cease to be used for worship, it goes on the tax rolls. In addition to taxes, the new parish now has to assume costs of insurance, utilities, maintenance, etc.

There is a company in Hermitage just outside of Sharon that processes a great deal of religious art and artifact that comes from closed churches. There is also a large facility south of Pittsburgh that does the same. In a large number of instances, when a new church is being built in the southeast or the southwest (where population and the migration of others allow the Catholic population to grow), many of those congregations are seeking out some of the artifacts from closed churches and integrating it into their new building. I had a wedding a few years ago in Virginia in a new \$12 million church. All of the stained glass windows were from a shuttered church in New England, a high altar against the back wall of the sanctuary was from a closed church in New Jersey and the Stations of the Cross were from another church that has been closed. I know that at neighboring St. Mary's Church, the stained glass windows have been removed and are in large wooden crates on the church floor. The statues, the huge cross, etc. have all been removed so that there are no religious artifacts in the building.

If you have not yet made a pledge to the 2017 Catholic Services Appeal, can I ask that you consider doing so? This annual appeal is the largest source of revenue for the diocese and funds most of the outreach programs to the poor and needy. We are assessed \$74,000 this year and any funds generated in excess of that amount will remain in the parish. I'm hoping to raise \$100,000 so that we have money to put toward the restoration of our hundred year old pipe organ. We hope to do that work without a capital campaign in the parish.

Congratulations to a number of people who were installed as Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick at a dinner last weekend. Among those installed were four St. Patrick parishioners: Mary Wegelin, Patti Brunner, Debbie Slusarz and Kay Sauers. The people who are installed are given this honor because of their service to both parish and community. Mary Wegelin has run the kitchen at the Irish Festival for more years than any of us can count. Patti Brunner has taken over the financial end of the festival and done an incredible job of tracking income and expenses, showing where we are making money and where we are not. She also supervises the counting and depositing of the money each day of the festival. Debbie Slusarz manages our web page, is one of our Sunday offertory counters and is always ready and willing to help in any way that she can. Kay Sauers is actively involved in the Food Pantry and the Irish Festival. She also bakes the finest pies in the city of Erie as many of us can testify. Whenever I have the bishop and the priests in for a meal, they always ask if we're having one of Kay's pies for dessert. We're blessed to have these four individuals in the parish, and I know you join me in congratulating them on this recognition. The Knights and Ladies sponsor the annual St. Patrick's Day parade and usually undertake financing a parish project each year.

Waitress: "So what will it be, mister?"

Customer: "Tell you what. I want my eggs hard and burned around the edges, I want my bacon burnt to a crisp and my toast blackened and cold. I want my coffee bitter and when you bring me my food, I want you to yell at me."

Waitress: "What, are you crazy?"

Customer: "No, I'm homesick."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,300.00
Online Giving	<u>1,637.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,937.00

Catholic Services Appeal:

Assessment	\$ 74,000.00
Pledges to Date	\$ 63,046.43
Paid to date	\$ 42,416.43

Thank you for your generosity!



Let Us *Welcome*

Levi Parker Zinz

son of

Kevin Zinz & Erica Szymanowski
who will be baptized
after the 10:30 AM Liturgy

Welcome New Parishioners

Jason Stewart

Jim & Kathy Stewart

Debra Slusarz

Carl Borrero

Cindy Sutton

Nina Wroblewski

Edward & Connie Muck

June Pettys

Stephen & Elizabeth Squeglia

Jack & Tracy Wingerter

Abby Merryman

Erica Pascale

Andy & Pat Tellers

Timothy & Laura Merryman

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

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **Robert McCarthy** from Jay & Carol Habas, Warren & Suzanne Weber, Barbara Bauman, Bill & Cindy Welsh, Jim & Kathy Sertz, Food Pantry Volunteers, Carme & Ange DeSanto, Robert Hess, Ken & Jill Hall, Walter & Mary Lou Wilhelm, Valerie Nivens, Karl & Melodye McFadden and Beverly Grab-Rosenbaum
- ♦ **Ginny McGinnis** from Bill McGinnis
- ♦ **Mary Nowak Arment** from Bill & Patty Jackson
- ♦ **Ruth Janoski, Norman Murphy, and Ronnie Chesko** from Patrick Murphy
- ♦ **Gerrie Ciacchini and Quentin Orlando** from Q Gregory & Nancy Orlando
- ♦ **Alfred Sokolowski** from Frances Sokolowski
- ♦ **Charles Weiss** from Todd & Sarah Humphrey
- ♦ **Msgr. William Biebel** from Mark & Susan Sullivan
- ♦ **Charles & Bess Brennan** from Nancy Yochim

Also donations from:

Steven & Kelly Karns, Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler, Mary & Annette Rennie, Mark & Barbara Sargent, Barbara Rothman, and Vikki Scully

Special Thank You!!!
to **PANERA BREAD &
HABORCREEK EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS**

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Mary Beth Pinto*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Mary Beth Pinto,
Shirley Winschel, Ray Fiorelli*

Greeters: *Phil & Judy Kelly*

Altar Servers: *Collin & Ryan Hudson*

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

Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Mary Ellen Dahlkemper*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds,
Lisa Straub*

Ushers: *John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub*

Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Dario Cipriani*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Dario Cipriani, Colleen Welch,
Michele Wheaton*

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: *Ryan Jubulis*

Ushers: *Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan,
Paul Balczun*

Offertory Counters: *Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani,
Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey*



CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The Food Pantry is accepting Children's Books for their children's library.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2017

Palm Sunday

Vigil Mass, April 8, 2017: Saturday 5:00 PM
 Sunday, April 9, 2017: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Thursday, April 13, 2017

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 14, 2017

Station of the Cross, 12:00 PM
 Passion and Veneration of the Cross, 2:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 15, 2017

Easter Vigil, 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

Mass at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Parish offices are closed
 Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday

Lent Resources for Individuals and Families

The Office of Parish Social Ministry and Respect Life is offering resources for individuals for the Lenten season. These resources include weekly Scripture for reflection, service project suggestions and additional resources for assisting families in preparing for Easter. This is a great opportunity for families to find ways to devote time to scripture and service together. Access these resources at

<http://www.eriescd.org/justice.htm>.



If anyone knows of a friend or family member living in a nursing facility, assisted living center or a shut-in that would like a friendly visit, please contact the Parish office at 454-8085



LITURGY INTENTIONS

March 25 *Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent*
 5:00 PM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS (FAMILY)
March 26 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*
 8:00 AM CATHERINE & JOHN WEBER (VIKI WEBER)
 10:30 AM MICHAEL SCHLOSS (BILL & KATHY MASEK)
March 27 *Monday, Lenten Weekday*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
March 28 *Tuesday, Lenten Weekday*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
March 29 *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
March 30 *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
March 31 *Friday, Lenten Weekday*
 8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
April 1 *Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent*
 5:00 PM MATT LYDEN (BILL & RENEE LYDEN)
April 2 *Fifth Sunday of Lent*
 8:00 AM RUSSELL TACCONE (TACCONE FAMILY)
 10:30 AM HELEN MILLER
 (BILL & KATHY MASEK & FAMILY)

NEED PRAYERS?

Please call **Mary Alice Hartwell at 454-5908** to have your prayer intentions placed on our joint parish prayer wheel. Please be assured that your prayer requests will be treated with respect and confidentiality.



DATES TO REMEMBER

St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary
 CP=Chapel, PR=Pascal Room, R=Rectorry

03/25 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
03/26 9:30 AM Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
 1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7 - 10 Holy Rosary
03/28 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
03/29 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
04/01 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
04/02 9:30 AM Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
 1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7 - 10 Holy Rosary (final class)

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids:

Have open conversations with your children about the kinds of websites they are allowed to visit. Clear, simple, easy-to-read house rules for use should be posted on or near the computer monitor. Once you establish guidelines, check to make sure that your users stay within these agreed limits. Encourage them to turn off the monitor and tell you immediately if something online makes them scared, uncomfortable or confused. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out

<http://www.eriescd.org/protectyouth.htm>



Lake Erie String Quartet to perform at St. Peter Cathedral

St. Peter Cathedral in Erie will present the Lake Erie String Quartet in a concert March 26 at 4 p.m. Louis Nicolai and Howard Lyon on violins, Marian Byard on cello, and Ted Smeltz on viola will perform sacred and classical music. The concert is free and open to the public.



Mercyhurst to host mayoral forum on faith

Mercyhurst University in Erie will host a forum on faith with candidates for mayor of Erie March 27 at 7 p.m. at the Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center. The 10 mayoral candidates will respond to questions from area faith groups and Mercyhurst students, including African American Concerned Clergy, Inter-Church Ministries of Erie County, Erie's Interfaith and Multicultural Bridge Builders, women religious communities of Erie, and Mercyhurst Student Government. For information, contact Greg Baker, campus minister, at 814-824-2301 or gbaker@mercyhurst.edu.

Gannon to host Bishop Donald Trautman Lecture in Catholic Theology

"Rethinking Poverty: Insights from Catholic Social Teaching" is the topic of the Bishop Donald Trautman Lecture in Catholic Theology March 28 at 7 p.m. at Gannon University's Yehl Alumni Room in the Waldron Campus Center. James Bailey, Ph.D., associate professor in the Department of Theology at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh is the featured lecturer. The event is free and open to the public. Reservations are encouraged by going to www.gannon.edu/TrautmanLecture.

Mercyhurst Prep to present "Mary Poppins"



The Mercyhurst Preparatory School Performing Arts Department will present "Mary Poppins," the Broadway musical, next month at the MPS Performing Arts Center, 538 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie.

Performance dates are April 6, 7 and 8 at 7 p.m., and April 9 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for adults, and \$7 for seniors. Tickets will be available at the door.

Prep, Villa to perform "School of Rock, The Musical"



Cathedral Preparatory School and Villa Maria Academy will perform "School of Rock, The Musical" March 30 to April 1 at 7 p.m., and April 2 at 2 p.m. at the H. David Bowes Auditorium at Cathedral Prep in downtown Erie. This new musical, starring Jack Black, is currently running on Broadway, but through special arrangements is available to high schools and other youth theater groups. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. For more information, email mike.demartinis@prep-villa.com or call 814-453-7737, ext. 2275, or 814-838-2061, ext. 3275.

The **Divine Mercy Encounter** retreat program is inviting applications for their upcoming retreat April 7, 8, & 9. The retreat will be held at St. Joseph Church in Erie, PA. Anyone 16 years of age or older is welcome to apply. The cost is \$45 and sponsorships are available. To find more information or to apply online, go to www.divinemercuryencounter.com

Author to speak about Pope Francis at Blasco Library

Thomas Rourke, a professor of political science at Clarion University of Pennsylvania, will deliver a talk on his recently released book, *The Roots of Pope Francis's Social and Political Thought*, on April 8 at 2 p.m. in the Peninsula Room of the Blasco Library in Erie.



Our Mother of Sorrows Parish 914 Fulton Street, Erie

Walnut, Poppy Seed, and Apricot roll sale. Pre-order by calling

Michael Kuzma (814)969-0497 or (814) 823-4753. Pastries are freshly baked the night before and will be ready for pickup Palm Sunday, April 9th at Holy Family School, 1153 E 9th St. All rolls are **\$10.00**

Tamburitzans to Perform in Erie—

The Tamburitzans are coming to Mercyhurst Preparatory School's newly renovated Performing Arts Center on April 22 at 7 p.m. This show features exciting music, songs and dances of international cultures. The Tamburitzans perform in about 60 shows from August to May and log about 40,000 miles in 35 states across the United States.

All seats are reserved.
Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10
for students.



Go to mpslakers.com/tamburitzans and click to order tickets or call 866-967-8167. Mercyhurst Prep is located at 538 E. Grandview Blvd. Erie

Save the date for the Mother-Daughter Tea

The Mother Daughter Tea will be held at two locations in the Diocese of Erie next month. The Chastity Education Office of the Diocese of Erie is sponsoring the annual event on April 22 from 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the social hall of St. Leo Parish, 117 Depot St, Ridgway, and on April 23 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd, Erie. Enjoy a dress-up tea, which includes time for bonding, fun and conversations about growing to healthy and holy womanhood. The program is designed for girls age 10 and older and their moms. For more information or to register, visit www.ErieRCD.org/chastity.htm or call Kate Whiteford, director of the Chastity Education Office, at 814-824-1259.

National Pastoral Musicians to host Songfest

The Erie Diocese Chapter of the National Pastoral Musicians will host its annual Spring Banquet and Songfest, "Singing the Music of the Seasons," on April 23 beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake Church, 128 Sunset Drive, Edinboro.



House of Mercy to host tea in April

The Sisters of Mercy House of Mercy Spring Tea will be held April 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School's Scheffner Hall, 1531 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. Tickets are \$25 and are available by contacting Sister Michele Schroeck, RSM, at michele.schroeck@gmail.com or at 814-898-0167.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

Saint Patrick Parish

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

HEAD	BIRTHDATE:
SPOUSE	BIRTHDATE:
CHILD	BIRTHDATE:
CHILD	BIRTHDATE:

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

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