

# ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH

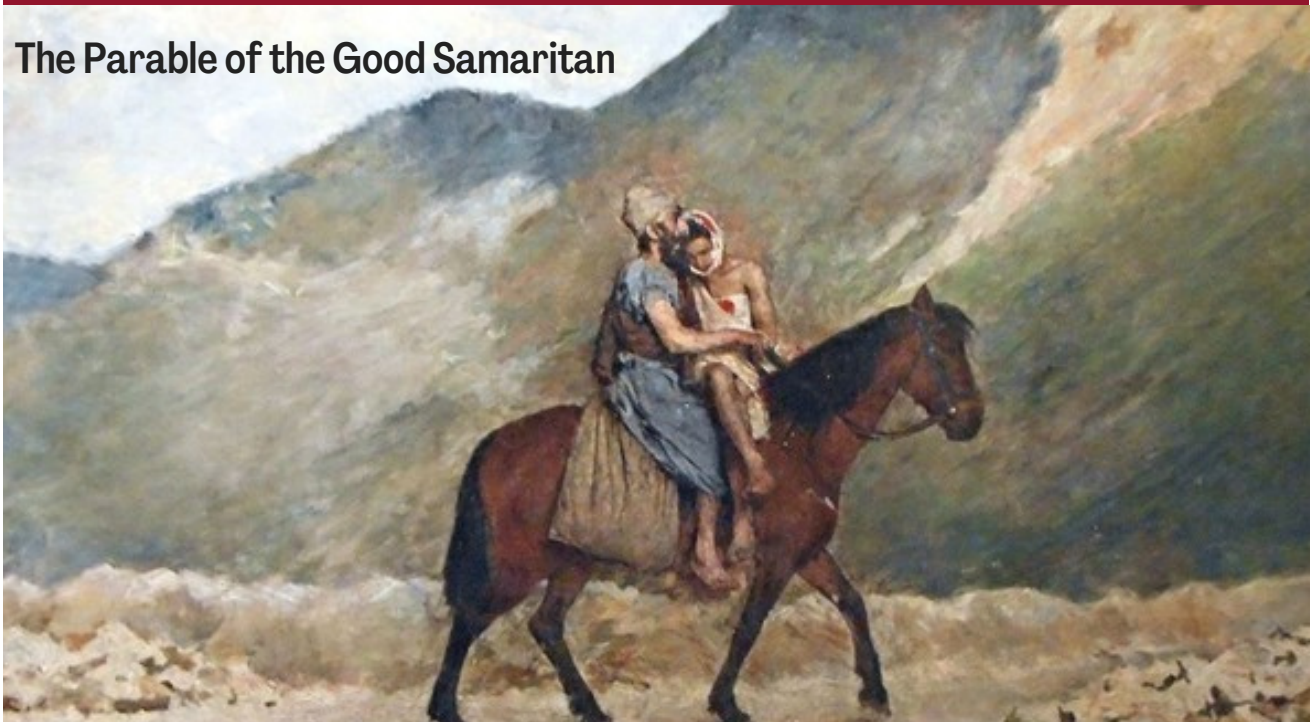


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## The Parable of the Good Samaritan



**Rev. Lawrence Kozak, Pastor**  
**Deacon Timothy Murphy**  
**Rev. Hugh J. Dougherty, Pastor Emeritus**

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday 8:30 am

Saturday Evening Mass: 4:30 pm

Sunday Mass: 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 11 am - 7 pm, Tuesday - Friday 9 am-7 pm

Adoration for Vocations: Thursdays 3 pm - 4 pm

Confession: Daily Before the 8:30 am Mass,  
Thursday 7:30 pm, Saturday 9 am & 3:00 pm

Fatima Rosary:

Monday - Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass

Flame of Love Rosary:

Monday - Friday 6:30 pm

Evening of Reparation: Monthly 1st Friday 8 pm





## WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR FATHER KOZAK

Praised be Jesus Christ!

St. Paul wants to set out for us our true faith. Our faith is not in human beings, the goodness of human beings, or even a human fraternity. The Catholic faith can be boiled down to one simple reality; an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen! This is where our destiny either rises or falls. The Catholic faith cannot be reduced to an ethical system, although there are rules that we must follow, they are a means. We follow the teachings of our faith because it leads us more profoundly into a personal encounter with the living Christ. Therefore, Sunday is set aside for the Lord. Sunday is not a chore day; it is not a day to do the work we have not been able to get done during the week. Sunday is set aside as a day of encounter. It is an encounter with Our Lord, and through encountering Him to encounter our families more profoundly. Sunday belongs to the Lord, not the NFL. We are at our best when we set that day aside to profoundly experience communion with the Lord and with one another.

St. Paul clarifies this beautifully. Christ renews the human heart, and all human history. It is in Him that the fullness of the Divinity dwells. We need to use Sunday as God intended. A day of rest from a stressful and busy week, a day of rest to prepare us for the upcoming week. He is the Firstborn of Creation, God's true Creation, redeemed from sin we are now able to relate to God. Let us not be dismissive of this, but rather let us approach Sunday with reverence. It is not a "throwaway" day, but a day when we deepen our relationship with the one who reconciles us with the Father!

May God reward you!

### Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10a

#### Second Reading

Colossians 1:24-28

#### Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

Daily Scripture Readings  
can be found at:

<https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

*Please pray for the ill in our community, especially:*

Ed Hartman, Noreen Mumber,  
Imogene (Gene Rainey) Barbara Browski,  
Marie Zolot, Joe Lightman, Jim Lyons,  
Shirley Pastino, Shawn Mullen, Grayson Pickar,  
Michelle Trosper, Regina Powell,  
Pauline Ninneman, Mary Lou Tate, Charles Gordon

*Please pray for the recently deceased:*

Anthony Neve, Robert Zawacki

## The Holy Rosary

**Fatima Rosary**  
**Monday- Saturday**  
**after the 8:30 am Mass**

**Flame of Love Rosary**  
**Monday-Friday 6:30 pm**



## I'M New

Welcome to the St Thomas More Parish Family! Please visit our website and fill out our [REGISTRATION form](#), or stop in the parish office, so we can formally welcome you and connect you and your family to our parish community.

## Parish Events

**July 7** - Book Club after the 8:30 am Mass  
**July 14** - Book Club after the 8:30 am Mass  
**July 16** - The CHOSEN Series 6 pm  
**July 21** - Book Club after the 8:30 am Mass  
**August 5** - 1st Friday Evening Vigil of Reparation 8 pm  
**August 6** - 1st Saturday Rosary before the 8:30 am Mass

### Weekly:

Choir Practice - Tuesdays 7 pm - 8:30 pm  
Fatima Rosary - Monday - Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass  
Flame of Love Rosary - Monday - Friday 6:30 pm  
Holy Hour for Vocations - Thursdays 3 - 4 pm  
Manatawny Manor Communion Service - Tuesday 10 am

### Monthly:

Ladies Auxiliary - 1st Monday 7:30 pm (virtual Zoom meeting)  
Ladies Auxiliary - 1st Saturday Rosary 8 am  
Knights of Columbus - 1st Monday 7:30 pm  
Evening of Reparation - 1st Friday 8 pm  
Night of Praise & Worship - Last Tuesday 7:15 pm

### Choirs:

Guitar Group - Last Sunday of Month, June, July, August  
No Adult Choir - July and August

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Annual Parish Picnic at Warwick Park**

## CONNECT

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### WEB

[StThomasMorePottstown.org](http://StThomasMorePottstown.org)

## SUBSCRIBE TO

**Fr. Kozak's weekly letter at**  
[stthomasmorepottstown.org/kozakletter](http://stthomasmorepottstown.org/kozakletter)

### St Thomas Parish Email Newsletter

Text to the number 22828

### STTHOMASMORE

## GIVE

[bit.ly/ParishGiving](http://bit.ly/ParishGiving)

Please send your news and announcements to  
[Office.StThomasMoreParish@gmail.com](mailto:Office.StThomasMoreParish@gmail.com)



## SAINT THOMAS MORE BOOK CLUB

Meets Weekly on Thursdays after the 8:30 am Mass

Currently Discussing

"Strangers in a Strange Land"

by Archbishop Charles Chaput

(On July 14th continuing on Page 215)

Questions: Contact Carol Duffy or Susan Dutton



## STM PARISH OUTREACH

Thank you for your  
generosity!

Cash & Check & Gift Card  
Donations may be made in  
the envelope collection,  
online,  
or in the box by the Outreach  
Table.

Checks should be made  
payable to STM Outreach.

If you know of anyone in  
need, please contact  
Fr. Kozak or Mary Jo Warner

# JULY OUTREACH

## Please bring your donations by July 31st

Through July 31, along with our Knights of Columbus, we will collect food & supplies for distribution to needy families through our local **Coventry Pantry**. They have immediate need for  
Canned Meals: Pastas, Beef Stew, Canned Chicken, Canned or Packets of Tuna, Canned Fruits (in Juice), Peanut Butter & Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce, Mac and Cheese, Oatmeal (Low Salt, Low Sugar is healthiest!)  
Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent

Please bring your physical donations no later than July 31.

Checks can be made to St. Thomas More Outreach.

Giant Cards can be put in the Outreach box.

**\*Please note:** Food Pantry's cannot accept outdated food items.

At all times you may leave on the Outreach table:  
Sleeping Bags, Blankets, Rain Ponchos, New Men's Sweatpants,  
Baby Supplies, Maternity Clothing, Travel-size toiletries, Individual Fruit Cups,  
Granola Bars, Shelf-Stable meals and empty containers that laundry pods come in.

Please visit our [Outreach website page](#)  
to learn more about our community partners.

*Thank you for all your  
prayers and support for the  
Youth Pilgrimage to the Holy  
Land. Please be assured of  
our prayers while we are on  
pilgrimage July 7-22.*

*First Saturday Rosary - August 6th at 8 am*

All are invited to pray the Rosary with  
the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of  
Columbus the First Saturday of each  
month before the  
8:30 am Mass.

*"To all those who, on the First  
Saturday of five consecutive months  
... fulfill all the conditions requested,  
(Mass, Confession, meditate on the  
15 mysteries of the Rosary) I promise  
to assist them at the hour of death  
with all the graces necessary for the  
salvation of their soul."*

Promise from Our Lady of Fatima to Sr. Lucia





# Mass Intentions

## Monday, July 11

*Saint Benedict*

8:30 am The Pickar Family

Req by: Harold & Joanne Pickar

## Tuesday, July 12

8:30 am Vito Gentile

Req by: The Gentile Family

## Wednesday, July 13

*Saint Henry*

8:30 am Jack Charles

Req by: Carol Duffy

## Thursday, July 14

*Saint Kateri Tekakwitha*

8:30 am In Memory of Gail Palladino's Birthday

Req by: Charles & Linda Palladino

## Friday, July 15

*Saint Bonaventure*

8:30 Donald Cromwell

Req by: Mary Willis

## Saturday, July 16

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

8:30 am Ron DeStefano

Req by: Jim & Mary Fiato

4:30 pm In honor of Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Req by: The Gentile Family

## Sunday, July 17

8:00 am Jack Charles

Req by: Karen Nagy

10:30 am People of the Parish



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June Special Collection: Peter's Pence

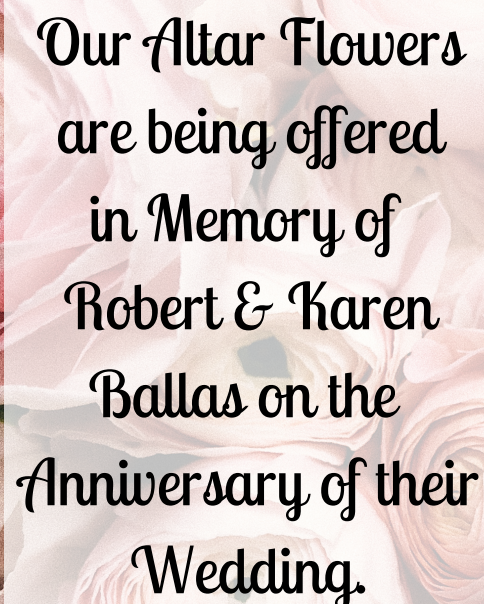
**Offertory Update for July 3, 2022**

**Weekend Collection \$7,589**

**Outreach \$710**

**Peter's Pence \$45**

**Building Fund \$65**



**Our Altar Flowers  
are being offered  
in Memory of  
Robert & Karen  
Ballas on the  
Anniversary of their  
Wedding.**



## *THE DEACON'S CORNER*


DeaconTMurphy@gmail.com

### **The 7 Deadly Sins: Sloth and the Joy of Engagement**

Many think of sloth as physical laziness or idleness, but the real danger lies in spiritual idleness. Sloth is more accurately called *acedia*, from the Greek word for negligence. Sloth can be hidden in busyness which keeps us blind to ways in which we can be present with others. Some of us call it procrastination, but *acedia* is more precise, as it describes a state of doing anything except what God is calling us to do. It can be characterized by a lack of engagement or spiritual hunger, otherwise known as the “don’t care” syndrome. It can feel like emotional issues at hand are piling up around us until we feel powerless and afraid to move forward. Essentially, we give up and tune out.

Our Yes to the father’s will is the remedy. When we can “Be still and know that He is God,” stop doing a million different things, remove the fear and hear the small whisper of Gods voice telling us how to love the people in our lives, the way is cleared for real engagement. Once we engage our hearts in God’s love, we can then more readily engage others joyfully. Intentionally engaging in our efforts to be present to others with guidance from the Holy Spirit fights sloth and brings zeal acting on the truly important opportunities in life and in love that draws us all closer to God.

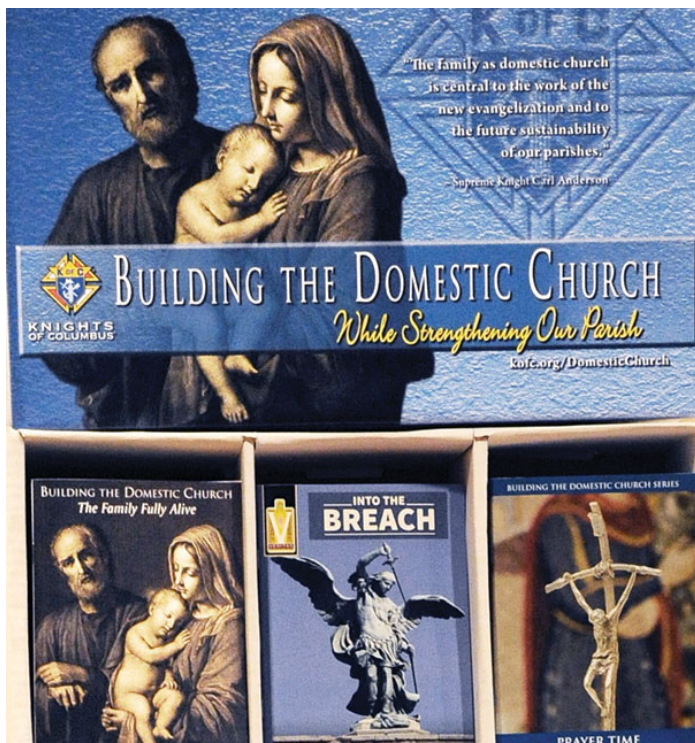
God bless you all!  
Deacon Murphy



**Altar Server Training**  
**9 - 10 am Sunday**  
**July 17th and 31st**

**If you have a green thumb and would like to assist with our new Parish Outdoor Beautification Ministry, please contact Rosemary Burgess at : [theburgessfamily6@comcast.net](mailto:theburgessfamily6@comcast.net)**

Mater Laetitia Academy (located at St. Thomas More parish), is looking for Latin and math teachers for the 2022-2023 school year. Classes are 45 min. to an hour on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. To apply, please contact either Patty Reyher ([preyher@materlaetitia.com](mailto:preyher@materlaetitia.com)), or Mary Cromwell ([mcromwell@materlaetitia.com](mailto:mcromwell@materlaetitia.com)).



## Looking for some Summer Reading?

Why not read the FREE engaging faith-based literature available in the Narthex of Church. The materials are available through the Knights of Columbus and the goal is to strengthen our families (the domestic Church) through exceptional faith formation materials.

*St Michael the Archangel prayer cards will also be available this month too!*

## *Ignite Your Ministry*

**An Introduction to the New Evangelization**

*"Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations" Mt 28:19*



**Training workshop for current and new parish ministry leaders**

**During this presentation you will learn:**

- What is evangelization?
- What is the central purpose of your ministry?
- How can you respond to Christ's call to "go and make disciples?"
- What resources exist to help give your ministry a new fire?

**Date:**

Saturday, August 20, 2022  
12:30pm - 5:00pm  
Concludes with Mass at 4pm

**Location:**

St. Katharine Drexel  
1920 Providence Ave  
Chester, PA 19013

**Presenters:**

Meghan Cokeley, Director  
Paola Herrera, Associate Director  
Office for the New Evangelization  
Archdiocese of Philadelphia

**English & Spanish tracks available**

**For more information and to register:**

Sandy Ramos - (484) 844-4223 - [sandyxray@comcast.net](mailto:sandyxray@comcast.net)  
No cost to attend, but please register.

**Congratulations to Parishioner Bethany Burgess for receiving Distinguished Honors for the 2nd Semester at Villa Maria High School !**

## The Chosen



**The CHOSEN Series Discussion 6 pm - 7:30 pm in the Social Hall Saturday July 16th**

[CLICK HERE to RSVP](#)

or Visit:  
[StThomasMorePottstown.org/Calendar](http://StThomasMorePottstown.org/Calendar)

# Who's ready to travel?

# WE ARE!



Finish your vacation prep today!

Visit our website at [StThomasMorePottstown.org](http://StThomasMorePottstown.org) to sign up for our online giving program to continue giving while you are away.



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# Be Not Afraid

FINDING YOUR FREEDOM IN CHRIST

Saturday, October 22, 2022

Feast of St. John Paul II

9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

### English Keynotes



Michelle Benzinger  
*Finding Your Freedom in Christ*



Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT  
*Jesus, Our Healer*



Martha Reyes  
*Encontrando tu libertad en Cristo*



Sue Gudenauf  
*Be Not Afraid: Finding Your Freedom in Christ*



Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez  
*Celebrant*

### Spanish Keynote

### ASL Keynote

### Opening Mass

### Breakout Sessions



Katie Weiss  
*Visio Divina for Healing*



Regina Boyd  
*God Heals Through Relationship*



Matt & Jenn Lozano  
*Helping Kids Find Freedom in Christ*



Sr. Cora Caeli, SV  
*Healing for Others: Reflective Listening*



Bishop John J. McIntyre  
*President*

### Holy Hour

### Location

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa  
654 Ferry Road  
Doylestown, PA

### Registration

- \$60 general admission
- \$50 groups of 5+
- \$20 college students
- \$15 religious sisters



Register online:  
[catholicwomensconference.org](http://catholicwomensconference.org)



Questions? Send us an email:  
[archphillycwc@gmail.com](mailto:archphillycwc@gmail.com)

Registration includes light breakfast, lunch, hospitality bag and full-day conference access.

July 3, 2022

### WATCH

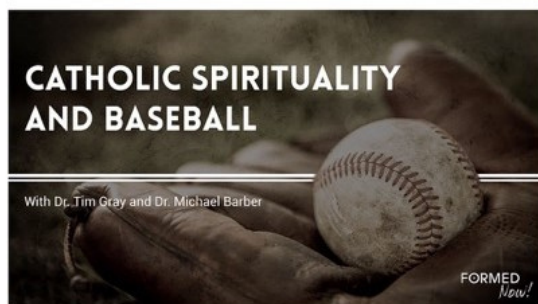
#### JOHN PAUL II IN AMERICA: UNITING A CONTINENT

The papacy of St. John Paul II left an indelible mark on our homeland. Driven a conviction to unite the Americas under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe, he traveled from Argentina all the way to Alaska, shaping a generation and changing history along the way. In celebration of our country this week, enjoy this film documenting the journeys of John Paul II, the “Pilgrim Pope.”



### LEARN

#### FORMED NOW! CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY AND BASEBALL

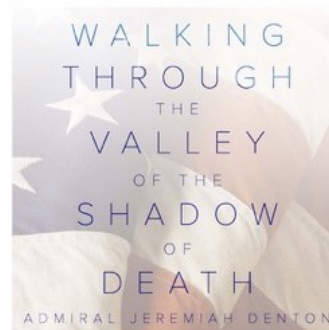


What better time to discuss America's favorite pastime than the week of July 4? Believe it or not, baseball can shed much light on our spiritual lives through its familiar images. In this video, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber discuss how these seemingly opposite topics relate to one another. After watching this, you'll be reminded of your mission: to be safe at home!

### LISTEN

#### WALKING THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH BY ADM. JEREMIAH DENTON

Admiral Jeremiah Denton spent over seven years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. In this moving presentation, he recalls how, through the power of prayer, he withstood extreme torture rather than betray God or the U.S.A. For his valor, he was awarded the Purple Heart, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the Navy Cross, and the POW Medal. He is now a champion of various humanitarian causes. Enjoy his testimony is this talk!



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# Have you registered at St Thomas More?

Please complete this form and place in the collection basket at the back of church.

**St. Thomas More Church**  
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 South Coventry Twp., Chester Co.  
 Pottstown, PA 19465

## Registration Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Family (Last) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Actual Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Township: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  Married  Single  Widowed  Separated  Divorced  Divorced & Remarried

Place of Marriage: (Church) \_\_\_\_\_ City & State: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ Marriage Recognized by the Catholic Church: (Yes or No)

If widowed, name of spouse and date of death: \_\_\_\_\_

People actually living in the home (including college students). Use other side if necessary.

First Name: (Head of Household) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: (First & Maiden) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

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Baptism (Yes or No)      1st Communion (Yes or No)

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Church activities you participate in: \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation, School, CCD, Grade: (as applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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Church activities you participate in: \_\_\_\_\_

Church activities you participate in: \_\_\_\_\_

Church activities family members may be interested in:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

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