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seeking and serving Christ in his creation.**

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The Parson’s Place

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MAY is HERE! Wow! In one month we will resume our 7:30 AM Rite I services and high season will be in full swing. We are currently in Eastertide (50-days.) The purpose of the liturgical year is to experience the whole life of Christ, in which we share as Christians. The mystery of Christ is so vast and deep that we need time to delve into aspects of events with unknown depth that transcend our mortal understanding. The year is divided into Christmas and Easter cycles of feasts and holy days. Christmas itself is the fixed date of December 25 and Easter, a moveable date, is dependent upon when the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox falls. Ascension Day will be May 26 and Pentecost on June 5. Pentecost is the great festival that marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means “fiftieth day” and is celebrated fifty days after Easter. It marks the prophesied outpouring (Joel 2:28-29) of the Holy Spirit on Jesus’ disciples, mother, and family with the sound of rushing wind and tongues of fire as they were gathered together praying 10 days after Jesus’ ascension into heaven. The disciples were suddenly empowered to proclaim the gospel of the risen Christ. They went out into the streets of Jerusalem and began preaching to the crowds gathered for the festival. Not only did the disciples preach with boldness and vigor, but by a miracle of the Holy Spirit they spoke in the native

languages of the people present, many who had come from all corners of the Roman Empire. This created a sensation. The apostle Peter seized the moment and addressed the crowd, preaching to them about Jesus’ death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. The result was that about three thousand converts were baptized that day. See Acts 2:1-41. The liturgical color of Pentecost Sunday is red. The liturgical color of the following Ordinary Time is green. Red recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost. The color also reminds us of the blood of the martyrs. Green is the color of life and growth. Through the gift of faith that comes only from the Holy Spirit working through the means of grace, Christians trust in Christ as Savior and proclaim Him in their daily lives by service to their neighbors as they grow in faith. Pentecost marks our entry into “Ordinary Time” and is the longest of the church year. The lectionary provides us lessons that are themed and take us through Christ’s life and actions. To supplement this, we have a weekly Bible Study at the rectory, various programs offered via ministries throughout the year to put our learnings and faith into action, and liturgical services to honor and celebrate our lives in Christ. If you have never experienced/watched/attended any of our online offerings (Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Compline, etc.) I am again going to encourage you to do so.

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The Parson's Place continued...

All videos may be seen live on Facebook and they stay up long after finished. All these activities can be viewed off of Facebook as well. To do this, please contact Mtr. Caroline or the person whose service you'd like to see and we can send you a LINK to the service. You might have to click through some Facebook requests to log in or you might have to view it on a laptop or desktop, but it can be done! Coming soon: Summer Circles, masses on the beach, Evening Prayer around the Firepit, and more! I CAN'T WAIT!!!

Caroline +

Our Giving App



Our mobile giving app and online giving is changing its name and look! We have been using the GivePlus+ app which is managed by Vanco Company. This app is changing in name and appearance only. It will still be powered by Vanco, a company that the Diocese has endorsed for its high security and ease of use. The new mobile app is called Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement. GivePlus+ will not be available for us to use after April 30, 2022. If you give electronically, here is what this change means to you:

Website Users: If you have been giving by going directly to Holy Innocents' website, hiec bh, you need not take any action. You will see a new look to the Give page of our website. Your username and login will remain the same. If you have a recurring gift set up, it will also carry over.

Mobile Users: If you have been using the mobile GivePlus+ app, you will need to download the new app, Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement. You can download the app for free at the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#). Once downloaded, simply open the app and search for our church name. Your sign-in information and password will remain the same. If you have recurring giving set up, your donation will continue (whether or not you download the new app). **To make changes to a recurring pledge, you must download the new Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app.** The new app will also give you access to your donation history.

We are so grateful for your continued support of Holy Innocents' and hope that this transition is smooth for you. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly. If you would like to start giving electronically and need some help, you are also welcome to contact me!

Pat Peacock, Stewardship Chair ~ 609-709-1240 ~ Pat.cotypeacock@gmail.com

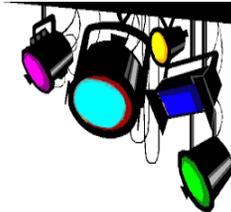
Community Volunteer Opportunities



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Surflight Theatre is looking for volunteers for the 2022 show season!

There are 8 Main Stage shows running from June 2 – December 17 and 12 concerts/events from June 13 – December 31. They need ushers at each show, as well as staff for the concession stand, Joe's Place.



Each would require your assistance for 10-15 minutes prior to each show, after each show and during intermission, if there is one. You are welcome to stay and watch the show you usher, either standing at the back or sitting in a seat near the door, if one is available- being able & ready to assist if a patron gets up or comes in during the show. Volunteers may sign up for shows at [SignUp.com](#), information will be provided to you, if interested. They ask that you please be reliable, responsible and personable. Remember, if you sign up, they are counting on you to show up. They appreciate each and every volunteer and the donation of your time!

If interested, please call Gina Montanha at 609-492-9477 ext. 203 or send an email to surflight.gina@gmail.com.

From Our Minister of Music



We're hosting a concert!!
The Nocturnes Big Band
free will offering ~ All are welcome ~
Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 4PM

The Nocturnes music appeals to a broad range of musical tastes; featuring music from the swing era by greats such as Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, and Stan Kenton, and music by the Beatles, Chicago, and the Beach Boys, plus occasional Blues and Country and Latin music as well as songs made popular by the likes of Billy Joel, Stevie Wonder, Ella Fitzgerald, Peggy Lee and Natalie Cole. Based in Wall Township, The Nocturnes perform for dances, parties, concerts, fundraisers, and other special events, and appear frequently at many senior facilities in Ocean and Monmouth Counties.

This concert will feature vocalist Cheryl Parker who will double as Master of Ceremonies for the performance. Cheryl began singing at the age of four and has sung in nearly every genre, including gospel, opera/classical, theater, blues, big band and jazz repertoires. She had the privilege of producing and recording a tribute to American Songbook composer, Arthur Schwartz, with jazz great, Ken Peplowski. Over the years, Cheryl has performed with many other internationally acclaimed musicians including Joanne Brackeen, Jimmy DeSalvo, Dan Walsh, Gary Mazzaroppi, Joe Accurso, Vic Cencola, Vinnie Corrao, Doug Clark, Bob Pilcher and Dee Holland and has appeared in concert halls, music festivals and intimate venues in Arizona, New Jersey, and New York. Cheryl sings with a number of other groups in addition to The Nocturnes.

Ellen Dondero, Minister of Music
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Dishing with the Deacon

Fifty days of Easter! Aren't you glad there's 50 days of Easter? We can extend our joy at our Savior's resurrection for a nice long time. Even forever! We can think of activities for Lent, what about activities for 50 days of Easter? For clergy this is a really busy time and a little vacation is nice but what about those 50 days, we still have a lot left. Time for some good deeds.

Thank you for so many of you who bought the Ukraine pins. Don't forget children and grandchildren who might also like to wear them. If we run out of them, we can order more. Showing support for a besieged peoples is showing that we care for God's children where ever they are.

I also believe in supporting the needs in our local community. Giving a contribution to a local organization like Southern Ocean County Food Bank passes on the word that we are Jesus' arms, legs, and heart, especially during the time of his resurrection. We are witnesses to God's love for all of humankind, sometimes we are the only witness someone will see. How lovely are the feet of those who bring the good news?

God has been good to us. How can we serve him with the message of Thank You, Lord?

Love from your deacon, Judy

Parish Prayer List May

If you need to add or delete a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator

Diane Balbi	Beth C.	Bonnie Benoit
Beverlee	Charles Bishop	Jeannette Bond
Jackson Brackett	Carol	Rich Cashel
Joan Connolly	Judy Contreras	Vince Contreras
Lynn Cowper	Mary Ann Crewdson	Marie Elena D.
Dennis	Carol Dobbins	Meg Dougher
Dave Elfreth	Faye	Frank
Gary	Jan	Ryan Jastrzembski
Jeannine	Joan, Susan & Bob	Rick Johnson
Carol Jordan	Anne Joyce	Karen & DJ
Karen Grossman	Gordon H.	Judy Hamilton
Adam Houser	Kathy & Walter	Mary Keough
Chris Keegan	Kitty	Chester Krom
Dave Lamon	Cyndi Lamon	Alan Lee
Diane Lee	Beth Lippincott	Lovas Family
Lucas	Brian O'Sullivan	TJ Patton
Lucien Picard	Oliver Jack Powell	Bob Prindible
Marie R.	Debbie & Joe Reising	Kathy Rice
Ron	Rosalind	Rich Rosenbaum
Shirley	Simone	Lara Sparks Deitz
Bill Todd	Robert Thomas	Colin Walker
Bill Ulmer	Ann White	Fred T.
Ellis Barbieri	Mike DeCicco	Cynthia Clarke
Family & Friends of Marie Bregler		

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

Paul Bailey, Justin A. Dumhart, Danny Melega, Andrew Wall, Brandan White

HOORAY! Our Sunday Coffee Hours are returning after a very long drought!
Please refer to the May-June Calendar on the bulletin board outside Martin Hall.
A July-September Calendar to signup is posted, as well.

The protocol is as follows:

First Sunday- A few parishioners to provide treats

Second Sunday- Vestry Birthday Cake

All remaining Sundays – Coffee & one snack tray (*except for special Sundays like Easter*)

We offer tutorials on EVERYTHING you need to know: Making coffee, navigating the kitchen, setting up/cleaning up, food choices. Please consider volunteering for this ministry of sharing and fellowship.

Thank you!

Ellen & Bill Kehr



UKRAINE SUPPORT

Please see Deacon Judy, Chuck Hall, Ruth McLaughlin, or Floss Boulden, committee members. They are selling pins to raise funds. We will host a summer Hymn Sing to raise funds. Volunteers will be needed to help with set-up, publicity, outside reception, baked goods, etc.

Environmental Education and Advocacy Committee

Stop plastic pollution and restore our world

Faith communities call on UNEA 5.2 to agree to negotiate an ambitious, legally binding Treaty to tackle “plastic pollution”



“Our faiths and spiritualities teach a duty to care for the human family and for the environment in which we live. We are deeply interdependent with each other and with the natural world. We are not limitless masters of our planet and its resources. Multiple crises facing humanity are ultimately linked to a crisis of values, ethics and spirituality. We are caretakers of the natural environment with the vocation to care for it for future generations and the moral obligation to cooperate in the healing of the planet.”

The world is facing a triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution. While the latter can take many forms, plastic pollution has been of particular concern as a pervasive and escalating phenomenon. Plastic pollution is devastating our earth and threatening our livelihoods; polluting our marine and freshwater ecosystems, soil health and air quality. It is also creating a growing public health emergency for people in poverty as it blocks waterways and drains causing flooding, attracts disease spreading insects and vermin and is openly burnt releasing toxic fumes. Microplastics are largely present around us and enter our body through the air we breathe, the water we drink and the food we eat, posing a serious health risk. Soil contamination with microplastics can potentially reduce crop yield and compromise food security. Beyond being a facet of the pollution crisis, plastic is also exacerbating the other two planetary crises, as some 9-14 million tons of plastic waste enter aquatic ecosystems every year and cause lethal and sub-lethal effects in several species. Annual greenhouse gas emissions from the plastic lifecycle contribute significantly to climate change with more than 850 million tons of CO₂-eq globally.

And yet, production of virgin plastic is on an upward curve and unless urgent action is taken by governments, faith leaders, and civil society at large, the problem will become unimaginably worse. Only 14 percent of plastics are currently recycled annually and the volume of plastic waste dumped into aquatic ecosystems is projected to nearly triple by 2040 without meaningful action.

Access to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment is a human right and a moral obligation and must be respected by everyone. We urgently need to transform our economies from being predicated on wasteful, disposable models to restorative patterns of consumption and production. Across all faith and spiritual traditions, we believe that humanity has a special moral and ethical responsibility as stewards of the Earth to ensure the flourishing of all life on earth and to seek justice particularly for those most vulnerable.

Submitted by: *Mary Jane Mannherz, EEAC Committee Member*

Below are pictures from the plastic alternatives presentation given at the April 24th coffee hour by the EEAC.



Kitchen Renovation!!

If you don't receive the weekly E-Pistle or haven't been in church lately then you need to know... We've started planning and are already taking steps to clear the way for a long-awaited kitchen renovation! I will keep you all up to date as things become set in stone via the Parish Post, E-Pistle and announcements in church when necessary!

Our first phase is cleaning up/out storage closets in Martin Hall. So far we've emptied out the attic above Hope Closet in Martin Hall and also cleared out Hope Closet! Yes, right now Martin Hall looks like we're once again setting up for a Rummage Sale but hope to have this remedied by the end of this month. Flower & Altar Guilds along with the Auction Committee are reorganizing/condensing their items with the hope that we can store some things in the new attic space. We are busy spackling and painting the closet and then will move shelving from the ECW Closet into the Hope Closet.

This then clears the way for reorganizing/condensing items in the ECW Closet. Having cleared the wall of shelving gives us room to remove the chairs that are stored in the kitchen to the ECW Closet. Yay! Before moving the chairs in, the ECW Closet will also get a fresh coat of paint!

I have had very preliminary meetings with 2 kitchen planners. Of course, like everything else there is a long wait time for cabinets so I'm thinking we get the chairs moved out of the kitchen and Martin Hall cleaned up and we may sit for the summer and then start up again in September.

I'm hoping not to sit with a demolished kitchen for too long but...there is electrical & plumbing work to be done...imagine plugging 2 coffee pots into the same outlet without blowing a fuse!! New flooring has to go in before the cabinets and counter tops! We are not replacing appliances at this time but hopefully next year!

My hope is to definitely have our beautiful new kitchen by the end of this year!

We still are in need of volunteers to paint, move things in and out of closets, de/reconstruct shelving and add equipment to hang chairs in the ECW Closet. Please contact me if you can help!



My heroes and painters extraordinaire,



May Birthdays

Charles Arlin	01	Robert Bachman	18
John Johnson, Jr.	02	Allison Goddard	20
Samuel Mitchell	03	Gwynne Hollis	21
John Wall	07	Zoe Sparks	23
Ellen Kehr	08	Don Anderson	25
Robert J. Meyer, Jr.	09	Gail South	27
Betsy Tiemeyer	12	Meghan Horleman	29
Marge Hall	15	Robert Weidmann	30
Daniel Ackley	15	Geraldine Lutz	31
Angela Partridge Hala	16		



May Anniversaries

Stokes Carrigan, III & Diane Carter **05** Kristen & Marjorie Anderson **16** William & Mary Jo Martin **19**
 Thomas & Sherry Hughes **22** Kingston & Jacqueline Sparks **23** Clifford Wymbs and Jeannette Bond **28**

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

The following parishioners have graciously volunteered to assist with our worship and/or have donated either candles or flowers for the altar for the month of **May**.

MAY ALTAR DONATIONS

1st - Jeanne Cashel
 8th -
 15th -
 22nd -
 29th -

MAY FLOWER GUILD

1st - Kim Sparks
 8th - Sherry Johnson
 15th - Carol Hammond
 22nd - Joyce Hillyer
 29th - Donna Evleth

MAY ALTAR GUILD

1st - Jackie Sparks, Diane Carter
 8th - Diane Entrikin, Jackie Sparks
 15th - Ellen Dondero, Jeanne Cashel
 22nd - Diane Carter, Melissa Wall
 29th - Diane Entrikin, Carol Hammond

MAY USHERS & GREETERS

1st - Bill Kehr, Kay DeCicco
 8th - Bob Weidmann, Mike Fahner
 15th - Bill Cowper, Bill Kehr
 22nd - Dave White, Leila Sullivan
 29th - Melissa Wall, Sue Hughes



If you are interested in reading a children's book for Kid's Korner, please contact Leila Sullivan at lygs27@gmail.com

If you are able to volunteer as an usher at anytime during the upcoming months please contact Rob Meyer at 609 618-3914 or rmeyer1394@aol.com



In the Spotlight

Parishioner Spotlight is a regular feature in The Post. The purpose is to provide insights into the background and personalities of our fabulous parishioners! We hope you enjoy getting to know the people of Holy Innocents'!

May Parishioner Spotlight ~ Marie Bregler

Marie completed this Parishioner Spotlight in February. We thought that people would enjoy learning more about Marie, who passed away on April 9, 2022, just three weeks before her 91st birthday.

Tell Us Something About Your Life

I was born on April 26, 1931, at home. I grew up in Brooklyn. I lived there, mostly in the Flatbush section, until 1943. We went to St. Bartholomew – Downtown. We moved to North Plainfield, NJ, when I was 13 when my father got a new job. He was an engineer and worked for NBC. His company was in Canada, so sometimes we took the train up to Canada. I saw Niagara Falls about 50 times!

My father wanted to own his own store. He saw an ad in the newspaper for a business that did tailoring and dry cleaning. He bought the business. He learned to do embroidery, the elegant kind that they put inside of coats, so he did embroidery on fancy women's coats. He was successful at this business. He also ended up being a teacher at nights. I had one brother, Edward, who was 3 years younger than I was. He had a beautiful voice! He died a few years ago.

I graduated from high school in North Plainfield. Then I went to Business School in Plainfield for a year. My first good job was as a typist for a CPA. I had to type all of the statements for the business. If I made even one mistake on a page, it had to be redone.

I met Bob Bregler at Pt. Pleasant Beach. He had been out of the Navy for a while and was looking for something to do. We dated for a few years and got married in 1952. Our daughter, Cathy, was born in 1955. Cathy was very ill a few years ago. She is now retired and on disability.

I have a godchild, Stacie. She has two children, Weston and Fiona, who I consider to also be my godchildren. Stacie works at the Library of Congress. Her husband plays trombone in the U.S. Army Ceremonial Band. They live in Alexandria, VA, and come to visit as much as they can. I see them at least four times a year.

I went to the Episcopal Church from the very beginning. The church in Brooklyn had a cherub choir and 6 year olds could sing in it – so that is when I started singing in the Episcopal choir.

Our church in North Plainfield was the Church of the Holy Cross. We had a very large choir, 15 men and about 5-6 young boys (the boys got paid 25¢ each Sunday). The whole choir was about 35. Women were not allowed to sing at that time although later, when the boys' voices started to change, the girls and women were welcomed into the choir. Once women were allowed to sing in Episcopal choirs, I sang in the choir. Our choir in North Plainfield was very good and we had a lot of wonderful musical experiences. One of them was putting on skits, led by our organist who was a wonderful musician. We did *Guys and Dolls* and I was Adelaide. Our choir sang a number of large pieces of music, including Mendelsohn's *Elijah*, also the *Magnificat*. We sang in Alice Tully Hall.

The church was very large, we had several priests and deacons and lots of services. We had quite a variety of things going on. The men had a breakfast once a month on a Sunday. The women cooked and we served. The men ate. The church sponsored an antique show every year where antique vendors came and rented space in the fellowship hall. I had been a vestry member for years. I was the first woman warden who was elected.

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Parishioner Spotlight Continued...



I moved to LBI when I was 65 (1997 or so). Bob had moved down two years earlier; he had retired at age 65. But at that time, I wasn't ready to retire, so I stayed up north for two more years. During the week, I stayed with my mother, who lived in South Plainfield. My job at that time was as the office manager of the estate law firm that I worked with. I did the estate taxes and individual taxes.

We bought the house that we lived in when we first came to LBI. Of course, this is where I still live. My mother would live with us in Ship Bottom for 6 months, then spend the other 6 months with my brother.

The first thing we did when we moved to LBI was to look for a church. We went to Holy Innocents' twice, and on the third visit, Canon Muller announced that he was leaving the church. We liked Holy Innocents'. We liked the choir. Ellen Dondero was in the choir when we started. When the organist retired, Ellen took over as choir director and organist. It seems like we had more men in the choir when I first started.

I became active in ECW and took care of some chores that needed to be done. I did things like keeping records and collecting money. I worked on the rummage sale for many years. I would help with dinners. When the lectors first started, I worked with Fr. Frank to set it up, figure out how it should be done.

Bob and I had a lot of fun vacation experiences. We went on a cruise to Bermuda in 1966. The entire choir came to see us off when we went on this cruise! I have a picture of me in a game where I was wearing a lot of balloons. We took a cruise to Alaska for my 35th birthday. We took a trip (flying over) to Europe. We took a lot of smaller vacations, also. My mother wanted to go to Hawaii and Bob couldn't get time off, so I went with her to Hawaii. This was when I was at Holy Cross Church in North Plainfield, and we went with a group from the church.



Favorite things about LBI

LBI has changed a lot. 35 years ago, it was so quaint and so nice. Now there are too many people, but it is still a nice quiet place to live.

Unfortunately, because of my disability, I can't do as much as I would like now, except get to church once in a while.

Bob and I used to go out to dinner once a week. Raimondo's and the Engleside were two of our favorites.

Favorite things about our church

It is one of the most happy, loving churches that I have ever been involved with. Everyone is so good, the spirit is good, it a lovely place to be part of. I love the Choir. I also love being able to do so many other things and the smaller groups that we have. I have enjoyed being involved with ECW. If anyone ever needed any help and I could do it, I would help.

As I reflect on our church, I cannot imagine how I would have dealt with what has happened in my life, including Bob's illness, and all that I have to do now without the support of the church.

Favorites

Color – yellow – looks good with me even though I am blond

Season – Fall

Music – *Jubilate Deo*

About Holy Innocents' – no best – I love everything about it!



~ *We will miss you Marie* ~

MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>The Third Sunday of Easter</i> 930am Rite II Pakistan Guest Screening of the film Drift	2 9am MP (FB)	3 6pm EP (FB)	4 6:30-8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	5 2:00 Bible Study @ Rectory 9pm Compline	6 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kids Korner (FB)	
8 <i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> 930am Rite II <i>12pm Committal (Wivel)</i> <i>12:45pm Committal (Carlson)</i> 	9 9am MP (FB)	10 6pm EP (FB)	11 6:30-8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 	12 2:00 Bible Study @ Rectory 7 pm Vestry Mtg. 9pm Compline	13 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kids Korner (FB)	14 CONCERT <i>4pm</i> <i>The Nocturnes</i> 
15 <i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> 930am Rite II	16 9am MP (FB)	17 6pm EP (FB) 	18 6:30-8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	19 <i>No Bible Study Today</i> 9pm Compline	20 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kids Korner (FB)	21
22 <i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> 930am Rite II <i>Baptism</i> <i>Ellis Barbieri</i> 	23 9am MP (FB)	24 6pm EP (FB)	25 6:30-8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	26 <i>Ascension Day</i> 2:00 Bible Study @ Rectory 9pm Compline	27 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kids Korner (FB)	28
29 <i>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</i> 930am Rite II	30 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 9am MP (FB) 10:30am Program in Veterans Park	31 6pm EP (FB)				



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**Sunday Morning ~ 9:30 a.m.
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