

St. Patrick Church of Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes in the Sidney Deanery with Church of Transfiguration in West Milton, St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus Catholic Church in Covington, St. Boniface and St. Mary Catholic Churches in Piqua Ohio

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Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. or by appointment

409 East Main Street, Troy, Ohio 45373

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

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Mission Statement

St. Patrick Catholic Church accompanies people in becoming disciples of Christ through community, Sacrament, scripture and prayer.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, April 1 5:00 p.m. Gene Gretch SUNDAY, April 2

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7:30 a.m. Charles Heckman **9:30 a.m.** Liz Massey

11:30 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Ridenour and

Evenden Families

MONDAY, April 3

7:45 a.m. Maynard and Alfrieda Francis for their 75th Wedding

Anniversary

TUESDAY, April 4

7:45 a.m. Lynne Dusek

WEDNESDAY, April 5

7:45 a.m. Ernestine Inscho

THURSDAY, April 6 Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Robert Koverman

FRIDAY, April 7 Good Friday

12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

12:30 p.m. Confessions 2:00 p.m. Passion Liturgy

SATURDAY, April 8 Easter Vigil

9:00 p.m. Shirley and Donald Ott

SUNDAY, April 9

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for the Naas Family

9:30 a.m. Jack Black

11:30 a.m. Melissa Wannemacher

For Mass times of churches throughout the United States, visit $\underline{www.masstimes.org}$.

FR. ERIC - RAMBLINGS

Reflections on Fatima 9 of 27: June 13, 1917 visit of Our Blessed Mother On June 13, 1917, accompanied by about 50 people, the children were reciting the Rosary, when there was again the lightning, and immediately after the Lady on the holmoak appeared like in May. Lucy gives an account of the second apparition of Our Lady in her Fourth Memoir:



...we saw Our Lady, on the holm-oak, just as in the month of May.

"What does Your Grace want of me?" I asked.

"I wish you to come here on the 13th of next month, to pray the Rosary every day, and to learn how to read. Later I will tell you what I want."

I asked for the cure of a sick person.

"If he is converted, he will be cured within the year."

"I would like to ask You to take us to Heaven."

"Yes, I will take Jacinta and Francisco soon, but you, Lucy, are to stay here some time longer. Jesus wishes to make use of you in order to make Me known and loved. He wishes to establish in the world devotion to My Immaculate Heart. To whoever embraces this devotion, I promise salvation; those souls will be cherished by God, as flowers placed by Me to adorn His throne."

"Am I to stay here alone?" I asked painfully.

"No, My daughter. Are you suffering a great deal? Do not lose heart, I will never forsake you! My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God."

It was at the moment when She pronounced those last words that She opened Her hands and communicated to us, for the second time, the reflection of that immense light. In it we saw ourselves as submerged in God. Jacinta and Francisco appeared to be in the part of that light which elevated itself to Heaven, and I in the part which spread itself on the earth. In the palm of the right hand of Our Lady there was a Heart, surrounded by thorns which seemed to pierce it. We understood that it was the Immaculate Heart of Mary, outraged by the sins of humanity, which demanded reparation.

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT - MARCH 19, 2023

Sunday Masses	\$ 7,641.00
Sunday Mail-Ins	\$ 1,400.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 5,009.41
Total	\$ 14,050.41
Amount Needed	\$ 14,230.00
Variance (shortfall)	\$ (179.59)

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!



BEACONS CORNER

The Parish Vitality Report helps us understand the progress being made in each of our 57 Families of Parishes. This honest snapshot of the work our pastors and leadership groups are undertaking shares wins to celebrate and also obstacles to overcome. To read more, go to https://pathway.catholicaoc.org/parish-vitality-report.

2023 Holy Week

Schedule of Services



READINGS LINK https://bible.usccb.org/		St. Boniface	St. Mary	St. Teresa	St. Patrick	Transfiguration	
		310 S. Downing St. Piqua, OH 45356	528 Broadway St. Piqua, OH 45356	6925 W. US 36 Covington, OH 45318	409 E. Main St. Troy, OH 45373	972 S. Miami St. West Milton, OH 45383	
			Fr. Eric Bowman	Fr. Eric Bowman	Fr. Jim Duell	Fr. Steve Shoup	Fr. Matt Lee
4/6/23		Holy Thursday	7:00 PM		7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM 9:45 PM Compline
4/7/23	Stati	Good Friday ions of the Cross		12:00 PM	2:00 PM	12:00 PM	12:00 PM
		Good Friday Confessions		12:00-1:30 PM		12:00-1:30 PM	12:30-1:30 PM
		Good Friday Liturgy		2:00 PM	7:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:00 PM
4/8/23	Easter Vigil			9:00 PM	9:00 PM	9:00 PM	9:00 PM
4/9/23	Easter Sunday	Sun., 7:30 AM			Fr. Eric	Fr. Lee	Fr. Steve
		Sun., 9:00 AM		Fr. Jim			
		Sun., 9:30 AM				Fr. Lee	
		Sun., 10:00 AM					Fr. Steve
		Sun., 10:30 AM			Fr. Eric		
		Sun., 11:00 AM	Fr. Jim				
	Sun., 11:30 AM					Fr. Kozar	

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

St. Patrick's Confession Times:

Wednesday: 6:00-7:45 p.m. with Adoration

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Please see the parish website for a list of Confession Times at our Parish Family's Churches.

CHURCH ROOF UPDATE

The new tiles have been ordered and are expected to arrive sometime later this summer. In the meantime, we are still trying to secure the funding needed for completion. If you would like to donate to the roof fund, please mark your donation "roof." Any donation is greatly appreciated and will go directly to this project.

BLOOM SPRING FLOWER SALE!

BLOOM Spring Flowers are coming to *LEHMAN JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETICS!* The BLOOM Spring Flowers program consists of this year's most popular spring flower choices. The sale will run until April 3rd.

Pick up your flowers on Saturday, May 13, 2023 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. at the Piqua Catholic School Southwest Parking Lot, directly behind the school, on the corner of Franklin and Greene Streets.

Contact a ST. PAT'S student family or contact Courtney Witt at 937-638-0791 or Tricia Zimmerman at 937-418-1013.

LENTEN ANGELS

Lenten Angels be sure to be praying, sending cards or notes to your person. Don't reveal who you are until just before Easter. It is so nice to know someone is keeping you in prayer and giving you words of encouragement.

WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER: March 20 – Fred Worth

CAMP INVENTION

Camp Invention is in need of high school and college student volunteers to be Leadership Interns for the program on June 5-9th. Please email Alexa Evans at saintpatrickcampinvention@gmail.com to sign up!

SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY:

Register at INVENT.ORG/CAMP or 800-968-4332. Grades: 1st-6th. Location: Saint Patrick School, 420 East Water Street, Troy, OH 45373. Dates: June 5-9, 2023. Time & Cost: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; \$260.00 (before discount). Camp Director: Jennifer Reinmann; saintpatrickcampinvention@gmail.com. Scholarships may be available for those who qualify. Families interested in financial assistance should contact Jennifer Reinmann at saintpatrickcampinvention@gmail.com for more information. If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit invent.org/camp for other locations near you.

FR. GENE'S BIRTHDAY

Please join the Vonderhaar Family in celebrating Fr. Gene's birthday. We will have an Open House on Thursday, April 27th from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Vonderhaar Farms located at 4636 State Route 725 West, Camden, Ohio. Please RSVP to Ruth Groff at 937-339-4625; you may leave a message. You may also email your RSVP to gvonderhaar45@gmail.com. Please let us know by Friday, April 21, 2023. We hope to see you then.

CHURCH INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m. In Church

Wednesday: 6:00-7:45 p.m. During Adoration Anytime by appointment (In Parish Office)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month, 10:30 a.m. following Mass

2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month, 12:30 p.m. following Mass

Saturday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass with permission only

Attendance at the Baptismal Program is required – held every other month on the second Monday in January, March, May, July, September, and November at 7:00 p.m. Call the Parish Office to reserve a date for both program and sacrament reception.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

During Office Hours, call 937-335-2833. Anointing between Sunday Masses with prior notice.

In Emergencies or After Hours, call 937-335-2833.

MATRIMONY

Contact the Parish Office at least 8 months in advance. Must be a registered parishioner at least 9 months prior to marriage. Preparation program is required.

CARE OF THE SICK

Visitation Ministers visit homes and nursing facilities with Eucharist for those unable to worship on Sundays. Facilities no longer share this information with the Parish Office. Help identify those in need of visitation by calling the Parish Office.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

Please notify the Parish Office if you or a family member is hospitalized. **Hospitals no longer share this information** with the Parish Office.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Registrations are taken at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Registration form is also available on our website to complete and mail into the Parish Office. When leaving the parish, please notify the Parish Office.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify the Parish Office when you have a change of address or phone number.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

3:00 p.m. Thursday for the following week; submit via email to info@stpattroy.org.

AN INVITATION

Reflection on Matthew 26:14-27:66

The Palm Sunday Liturgy begins on the upbeat, with Jesus' triumphant, entry into Jerusalem, but dissolves into mayhem as the Passion story unfolds. By hearing today the entire Passion story of Jesus, we are invited to enter into the holiest week of the year, when we will hear and celebrate this same story in its essential parts as we move from Holy Thursday, through Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

As we give thanks for God's mercy embodied in Jesus and His great gift of self, we are invited into the story, to allow Jesus' suffering, death and Resurrection to interpret our lives. There is so much here to pause with and reflect on: friendship and betrayal, our personal depths of sinfulness and violence, fear and social pressure, greed and lust for power. As we take ownership of our need for redemption, our individual stories merge with the story of Jesus. We walk the same path together, through death to new life.

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

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Sunday, April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7

Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14-27:66

Monday, April 3, 2023

Monday of Holy Week Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14

Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Tuesday of Holy Week Is 49:1-6

Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Wednesday of Holy Week Is 50:4-9a

Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Holy Thursday Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

Friday, April 7, 2023

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Is 52:13-53:12

Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25

Heb 4:14-16: 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 8, 2023

Holy Saturday

Gn 1:1-2:2

Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35

Gn 22:1-18

Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

Ex 14:15-15:1

Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18

Is 54:5-14

Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

Is 55:1-11

Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28

Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4

Rom 6:3-11

Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Mt 28:1-10

Access Daily Readings from the New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE) online at https://bible.usccb.org

On this day of great rejoicing, Lord Jesus Christ, when we welcome You as our King and Savior, we also walk in the shadow of Your cross.

"Hosanna!" we cry.

Blessed are You who came in God's name to save us.

Hosanna!

Strengthen our faith on this Palm Sunday so that when the time comes to carry the cross we might still call out to You with heartfelt praise.

Give us the grace and the courage to follow You this week from death to Resurrection. from darkness to the fullness of light.

We need you, Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Hosanna!

AROUND OUR PARISH



THANK YOU!

The Saint Patrick School Alumni & Friends would like to thank everyone who participated in the 9th Annual SHAMROCK SHUFFLE 5K RACE. It was a chilly day, but with a little bit of the "Luck of the Irish," the snow

held off until after the race was over. We had close to 150 runners sign up for the race and several runners displayed their Irish Spirit by wearing lots of green. The runners and families were treated to our now famous "Kegs & Eggs" breakfast after the race. Awards for the top finishers and many door prizes were given out at that time. We would like to thank our many sponsors for making this year's race possible: Upper Valley Hearing & Balance, Edward D. Jones, Premier Health Upper Valley Medical Center, RJR Erectors, Subway, State Farm Insurance, MMI, Will-Con Construction, Thermal Maintenance, Knights of Columbus, Benefits Analysis Corporation, Scott Family McDonalds, The Pediatric Group, Meijer, St. Patrick School, Bridgestreet Glass, Baird Funeral Home, Can't Stop Running, Drayer Physical Therapy, PSC Crane & Rigging, Tim Hortons, Galbreath Realtors, GNB Banking Center, El Sombrero, Erwin Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Francis Furniture, Park National Bank, Studio 109, Minster Bank, Greenville Federal Bank, Subler Eyecare, Turnstone Financial, Robert F. Malarkey, M.D., Peg Moore, Keith & Ann Lins, Denny & Diane Hoying.

We would also like to thank the many businesses who donated items for Door Prizes: Kevin Hess, Galbreath Realty, Hayner Distillery, Studio 109, Grandpa Joe's, Chick-Fil-A, OH! Boba, Troy Main Street, The Caroline, The Boathouse, Pedego Bike Shop, Tracy Turner, Troy Sports Center, Dunaway's, Tim Hortons, Jersey Mikes, Splish Splash, St. Patrick School, Meijer's, Little Caesars, Skyline Chilli, Long Shots, Tropical Smoothie Cafe, Miami Shores Golf Course.

Special thanks goes out to the City of Troy Recreation Department, Troy City Schools Athletic Department, Can't Stop Timing, and The Troy Foundation.

A HUGE THANK-YOU to the many volunteers that helped to make this race a big success: The St. Patrick Softball Team, Connie King and family, Katie & Dan Hamlin, Kate & Doug Lins, Keith Linns, Peg Moore, Denny Hoying, Bill Rozell, Jimmy Cruea, Chuck & Jane Karnehm, Cyndi Cathcart, Larry & Peg Menker, and Chris Karnehm. THANK YOU!

Proceeds from the race will support the St. Patrick School Alumni & Friends Tuition Fund.

It's not too early to start planning for the "10th Annual Shamrock Shuffle 5K Race"! Get Your Green On!

CAN COLLECTION

Lehman Teen Leadership Corps is collecting aluminum can tabs through the end of April 2023. This includes drink cans, soup cans, and pet food cans. All proceeds benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Dayton and Cincinnati. If you have any tabs to donate, please bring to Lehman HS or contact m.safreed@lehmancatholic.com for pickup arrangements.

BUILDING THE CITY OF GOD

Save the Date, Saturday, April 15th, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., for BUILDING THE CITY OF GOD at Sacred Heart Church, McCartyville. Join us for a day of fellowship, growth, social action, and prayer. Sponsored by the Holy Angels Outreach Committee, Fields of Justice Collaborative, and the Archdiocesan Office of Social Action.



WHY WE BELIEVE: ANSWERING COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Is Catholicism true? Or is it just made up? How can I explain the faith to my family or friends who no longer believe? In this mind-blowing series, Dr. Brant Pitre takes up the most commonly asked questions about the Catholic faith and provides clear and compelling Biblical answers. He begins at the beginning – with the existence of God – and walks you step-by-step through the foundations of the faith. Along the way, Dr. Pitre explains: Does God Exist?, Is Jesus God?, Peter and the Papacy?, How Did We Get the Bible?, Is the Eucharist Jesus' Real Presence?, Why Confess to a Priest?, Do Catholics Worship Mary?, Purgatory and Prayers for the Dead?, etc.

If you've ever been asked any of these questions but weren't quite sure how to answer – or if you know someone who has left the Church and no longer believes, then buckle up: this Bible Study is for you. In it, you'll discover how just reasonable, Biblical, and beautiful the Catholic faith really is.

Classes will be on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning April 4th and 5th, 2023 at the Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal on Calumet Road in Ludlow Falls. There is no charge or book needed, but please call 937-698-7180 to register.

THE TIRED MOMS RETREAT NIGHT: OVERCOMING FATIGUE AND DESPAIR

April 14th, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart of Jesus – Parish Activity Center 9377 S.R. 119, Anna, Ohio.

- Laugh, learn, and lean into a joy-filled night
- Tackle the barriers to greater peace and joy in the midst of a busy schedule
- Uncover the most effective functional medicine strategies to regain your energy
- Refreshments and drinks will be served
- Door prizes are available to win!

Guest Speaker: Debbie Cowden, author of "The Prayer Book for Tired Parents" and EWTN co-host and Senior Digital Media Specialist. Cost is \$35.00 and includes Debbie's book "The Prayer Book for Tired Parents."

Register at <u>victresshealth.com/retreat</u>. For questions, call Lisa at 937-232-5237.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

GRIEFSHARE NEW SESSIONS FOR 2023

No matter what the circumstances, grief recovery is a painful process. St. Patrick Church will be offering *GriefShare*, a seminar and support group to our parish and local community. This is a weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the loss of a loved one by death. It's a place where you can be around people who understand how you are feeling and are able to offer you encouragement. At *GriefShare*, you will learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. We will feature videotape seminar sessions with nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics.

The sessions began **February 8th** and we meet weekly for 13 weeks. We offer an afternoon session at 1:00 p.m. or an evening session at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held in St. Patrick Parish Center, upstairs Room 3 (444 East Water Street, Troy). You are welcome to just come and check it out. Registration is not required.

THE TRAVELING SHAMROCKS PRESENT...

Hawaiian Adventures with Fr. Eric – Travel dates: January 25-February 3, 2024 – Go to gateway.gocollette.com/link/1116563 to see the electronic flyer. Questions? Please contact Pat Smith at 937-335-2833, ext. 2008 or rsmith3055@aol.com.

Colors of New England – October 16-23, 2023 – It is not too late to sign up for this beautiful fall colors New England trip. Check out the itinerary and electronic flyer by going to gateway.gocollette.com/link/1127545. Deadline to sign up is April 6th, 2023.

SCHOOL

School registration and preschool registration are going well. As of now, we have two classrooms that are on a waitlist. One more class is very close to being on a waitlist. If you want to take a tour of the school or have any questions, please call us and we can help you. The EdChoice Expansion scholarship from the state of Ohio is expected to be making some changes. As of right now, if your family is at 250% of the poverty level, you are eligible for full tuition. Governor Mike DeWine is proposing this poverty level go to 400%. As an example, if you have a family of four and you make under \$120,000.00, your students would be eligible for full tuition. Please call the school to discuss further if you are interested in Catholic education for your children.

Have a Blessed Holy Week! - Cyndi Cathcart

CCD

- April 4 Spring Break No class
 - 11 Class
 - 18 Class
 - 25 Class and First Communion Practice
 - 29 First Communion
- May 2 Last Class

Classes for Kindergarten-sixth grade and a DD class. The registration information can be found on the website or contact Susan Anderson by email at sanderson@stpattroy.org.

SAVE THE DATES

Totus Tuus for grades 1-12 will be held June 18-23. Bible Camp for preschool-Kindergarten will be held June 20-22.

BLUE KNIGHTS AND LITTLE FLOWERS IS TODAY

The girls program will be in the undercroft and the boys program will be in the parish center beginning at 2:00 p.m. For more information, please email loribkelleher@gmail.com. Register for the program at https://LFBK-STPATS.rsvpify.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Ministry and 7th-8th Grade Confirmation Ministry Youth Ministry website – www.stpattroyym.org.

APRIL 2023 - High School Ministry

- Palm Sunday Worship and Witness 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Parish Center Youth Room
- 9 Off for Easter
- 16 Divine Mercy Holy Hour 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the Church
- 23 Dude's Day 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Parish Center Beloved Daughter Day 1:00-5:000 p.m. at Lange Estate
- 30 End-of-Year Family Party from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

7th-8th Grade Confirmation Ministry

Confirmation Cells 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Parish Center

- 2 7th Grade C Cell
- 9 Off for Easter
- 16 8th Grade C Cell
- 23 7th Grade C Cell
- 30 End-of-Year Family Party from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

INTENSE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Fr. Jonathan Meyer of Dearborn County Catholic Parishes is urging all teens in the Tristate to attend the Third Annual INTENSE Youth Conference. Dates are June 9-11 and location is St. Leon, Indiana. Over 600 have participated in this conference and it has been amazing! It will be a weekend of prayer, Adoration, engaging speakers, testimonies, community, and joy! Inspired by national and international movements such as Steubenville, World Youth Day, and Youth 2000, this youth encounter will open hearts and set young people on fire. See www.intenseconference.net for any desired extra information. INTENSE - Youth Conference In Tents! June 9-11, 2023: An Amazing Eucharistic-Centered Weekend for Youth to Discover, Encounter and Live the Life Jesus Desires for Them. Where our Youth have the opportunity to encounter Our Lord. Includes: Our 2023 Amazing Lineup: The Colts' Joe Reitz; Nathaniel Crankfield; Sr. Loretto; Fr. Bolek; Katie Beers; and more, PLUS M.C. and music led by Philip and Jami Wiese. Open to Youth currently in Grades 8-12, in St. Leon, Indiana, the Heart of the Tristate.



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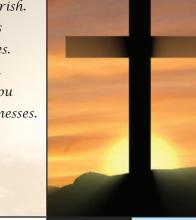
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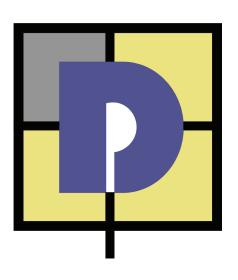
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