

The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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Upcoming at St. Michael's:

+The pumpkins have arrived! The pumpkins have arrived! Come visit St. Michael's Pumpkin Patch early for the best variety in sizes, shapes and colors!



Alma and Grace with the pumpkins!

+Monday Morning Meditations & Mandalas begins on Monday, 14 October!
For detailed information, see below.

Running with Perseverance

a letter to the people of St. Michael's from the Rector

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also

lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." Hebrews 12:1-2a

Dear People of St. Michael's,

Kathy Randolph, our intrepid and faithful Senior Warden, will be queuing up for this Sunday's Chicago Marathon. Go, Kathy! Go! I'm featuring her marathon run here because ...



Kathy taking part in the August 2011 Mini-Triathlon, Woodridge, Illinois

Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays

10.13 Wes Kimes,
Lauren Carrell,
Marissa Longo
10.14 Bernard
Tresnowski, Kim
Tomczyk, Rob
O'Riordan, Sydney
Tucker
10.15 Bridget
Couch
10.16 Frederick
Eaton, Frank
Cesario, Judy
Myers, Abraham
Holtermann
10.17 Kathy
Randolph, Keith
Kampert, Vette
Kell
10.18 Barbara
Harris,
10.19 Ellen
Lindeen, Patrick
Mangan, Annette
Holzknecht, Harry
Wintringer

- Kathy's not new to running, but this is her first marathon. Please join me in keeping Kathy and all runners in your prayers.
- Kathy often makes me wonder how many of us connect diverse realms of our lives with Christ as well as she does. I recently heard her say, *"This run is a way I'm giving thanks to God. In my life I realize, 'Jesus, every step of the way you've carried me.'"*
- You can support our parish youth in the 2014 summer mission endeavor by making a pledge of support for Kathy's run. Please call or email our youth pastor, Kara Baker, (847) 381-2323, ext. 18, or kbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org.
- A marathon reminds us that perseverance is required to achieve most valuable goals in life. To run a marathon, you train meticulously, and you run, jog, walk, limp or sprint every mile. Perseverance, as we're reminded by the Bible quote above, is also critical in our lives of faith as Christians. I wonder where you or I may need perseverance in our present commitments or endeavors.
- To earn a Chicago Marathon medal, Kathy must finish the course within a certain time. When she recently explained this, she added, *"I plan on getting a medal!"* Kathy's also nearing the finish line of her two years of service as our parish Senior Warden. In this critical ministry of leadership she's shown loads of perseverance. For this good work, also, she deserves a gold medal. Please thank her!

Apropos of this last matter, Kathy and Junior Warden Shan Atkins and other vestry members and I will soon be seeking nominations for one or two wardens and several vestry members, to be elected and begin service in January of 2014. Whether or not you already know it, some of you have already been in training for this ministry. We hope you'll recognize this when invited to consider it.

-Patrick +

Also from the Rector:

+ If you want to follow Kathy 'live' on Sunday (but are unable to be at the marathon because you're in worship at St. Michael's ...), she will be wearing a transmitter that will send out social media notifications (text or Facebook) as she starts the race (around 8 am) and then as she crosses certain points along the way. To learn how to sign up, click [here](#).

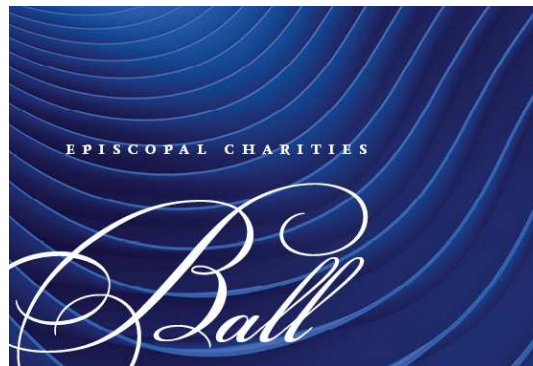
+ If you're interested in learning more about the Wardens and Vestry, a nominations process begins soon for elections to take place at the January 2014 Annual Meeting. An overview of the Vestry and its roles and responsibilities can be found by clicking [here](#).

+ Mark your calendars for Angelus! Plan to bring friends! Friday, November 8, 7 pm
An online article about Angelus in the 'Barrington Patch' can be found by clicking [here](http://barrington-il.patch.com/groups/events/p/angelus-sacred-music-for-womens-voices).
Also, a sampling of the group's voices with reference to one composer can be found by clicking [here](http://www.last.fm/music/Angelus/Michael+McGlynn:+Music+for+Women%27s+Voices).

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Anniversaries

10.13 Susan &
Arthur Lanham
10.16 Jennifer &
Ed Tilly, Mary &
Steve Mathison,
Carol & Bob
Erker
10.18 Carol &
John Schmid



+The 54th Annual Episcopal Charities Ball will take place on Friday, November 1, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Members of St. Michael's have long been strong supporters of individual member agencies of Episcopal Charities and the umbrella organization. To learn more about Episcopal Charities, with a link to the event information, click [here](#), or speak with me.

+ Worship for All Saints Day, November 1. Due to the Episcopal Charities Ball, the normal evening Eucharist for All Saints Day will be replaced by two alternative services, at 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Please contact Nancy Holmes, nholmes@stmichaelsbarrington.org if you would like to have names included in the memorial prayers for our All Saints Day worship.

Food for the Journey, this Sunday, 13 October, and Sunday, 20 October

The conversation begins after the 9:00 a.m. service (roughly at 10:05 a.m.) and we are committed to ending at 10:40 a.m. so those who want to can make the 10:45 worship service.

Rest in Peace

10.17 Ellen Huss,
Eileen Owen,
Frederick Cole

Food for the Journey, 13 October (10:05 a.m.)



The Bible: The Elevator Speech* w/Tim Murray
"Did you ever want to be able to summarize the biblical story in a few sentences that are both easy to remember and understand and also intriguing?"
Join us as we explore how God's story connects with ours. (*please note, we are shamelessly and unabashedly stealing the title and much of the content for this session from the work of the Rev. Dr. John Dally, Professor of Theology and Culture at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. It is too

good not to be shared.)

Food for the Journey, 20 October (10:05 a.m.)

"Hands-On Spirituality: Stories and Reflections"

The presentation will be introduced and moderated by Fr. Patrick and will feature voices of those in our prayer shawl ministry at St.

Michael's, as well as a mandala artists and thoughts about the contemplative nature of knitting, craftwork, gardening and/or baking.

Optional preparation: for a related article, *Hands-on Spirituality:*

People of different faiths are discovering that crafts like knitting can be a form of prayer or meditation, click [here](#).



**Little Red
Wagon**

In October and November we will be gathering food for St. Cyprian Food Pantry. It is the largest pantry to which we donate food. It serves over 1,600 people each month. The needs are great! With the approach of Thanksgiving, items such as yams,



Ministry Highlight Sunday, 13 October: St.

Michael's Book Club

SUNDAY: October 13, 2013

MINISTRY: **St. Michael's Book Club**

"A book is the only place in which you can examine a fragile thought without breaking it, or explore an explosive idea without fear that it will go off in your face...It is one of the few havens remaining where [your] mind can get both provocation and privacy."

- Edward P. Morgan

St. Michael's Book Club is open to all interested readers and meets once each month in St. Michael's Library at 7:30 in the evening. Book selections come from a wide variety of literary genres and offer a wonderful way to explore several authors through fellowship and discussion led by a different individual each month. For more information please contact the parish office.

Next Ministry Highlight Sunday, 20 October: Thanksgiving

cranberry sauce,
canned pumpkin
and stuffing mix
would be great
additions to the
usual breakfast,
lunch and dinner
foods. The pantry
further requests,
TUNA,
TUNA,
TUNA,
soups &
cereals!

Monetary
donations to the
Food Pantry Fund
are always
welcome.

Community Meal!

In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Dean; Rea; Leanne; Julie & family; Steve & Barb; John; Amy; Rollo; Connie; Joan;
Kathy; the Couch family; Steve; Doug; Bonnie; Meredith; Roberta; Amy; Katie; Dick;
Judy; Dolores; Mary; Mary Beth & family; safety & peace in South Sudan; St. Cyprian
Food Pantry; military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Zane,
Ryan, Michael, Bruce, and Taylor.



*Grant Kimes on the field for the University of Miami. Grant is in
the School of Engineering at the University.*



Will

+This week Bishop Joseph spent time with the children of Little Angels Christian Preschool.



The children of Little Angels surround Bishop Joseph and Fr. Kevin. Bishop Joseph visited with the children and gave them pictures of children from South Sudan. He asked them to pray for the children.



Jackson with Fr. Kevin and Bishop Joseph



*Bishop Joseph blesses the pumpkins with help from Little Angels
Christian Preschool*

From Our Youth Minister:

THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 10/13 @ 9:00-LIFT Worship & Formation

Sunday, 10/13 @ 10:45-SMUSH Worship & Formation

Monday, 10/14, 8:30-3:30-Volunteering at Holy Family Schools. Turn your day off into a volunteering opportunity. I am looking for about 8 youth and 1 adult to go volunteer at an Episcopal/Lutheran school on the west side of the city. Holy Family is a recipient of a grant from our Outreach Committee. Please let me know if you plan on attending.



Emmie volunteering last year at Holy Family Schools.

UPCOMING:

Saturday, 10/19 @ 9:30-12:00-St. Michael's Fall Festival, a fun opportunity for fellowship for people of all ages. There will be games, crafts, food, pumpkins, face painting, and storytelling. I invite you to join us, but I also am in need of some youth to commit to working our pumpkin patch as this is our fundraiser. Please let me know if you will serve in this capacity.

Sunday 10/20-Deadline to Commit to the Mission Trip. The SMUSH Mission Trip will be to Washington DC, June 7th-14th. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING AS I HAVE TO MAKE A RESERVATION ASAP!!! For those who voted for EYE (Episcopal Youth Event) + Service, you can still plan on applying to attend. Don't worry, I will keep you posted about details.

Sunday 10/20 @ 1:00-CROP Hunger Walk, a walk to end hunger. Check it out at <http://barringtoncropwalk.freehostia.com/>. Please let me know if you plan on participating.

Happening #97 - Registration now open! November 1-3 at Trinity, Wheaton. Happening is a weekend retreat for those who are in high school. The weekend is run by a wonderful staff of high schoolers and adults and wouldn't be possible without wonderful participants like you! Learn more at <http://www.episcopalchicago.org/at-work-in-the-church/youth-ministry/happening/>.



Youth in Church

A quote from a recent article, *Has the church really "lost" the millennials?* by Bronwyn:

"...Let's put students into the sanctuary on Sunday morning. Reclaim rigorous discipleship, multi-generational relationships, and youth serving as full members of the church. Challenge and equip parents to spiritually lead in their homes. Re-invision youth ministry as youth who DO ministry, pursuing and extending the faith connected to the entirety of the community of faith, the church."

To read the article in its entirety, click [here](#).



**Saturday, 19 October
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

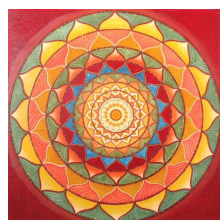
at St. Michael's Pumpkin Patch (immediately following Little Angels Family Pumpkin Carving Event in the Community Room, 9:00 until 10:00 a.m. Sponsored by Little Angels Preschool: 847.381.5490. All are welcome, please call in advance.)



**Games, crafts, pumpkins, refreshments, and a
Storyteller (stories begin at 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.)**

Invite your friends and neighbors!

Presented by the Children's, Youth and Families' Ministries



Monday Morning Meditations & Mandalas

Four Mondays, 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.

October 14 & 28, November 11 & 25

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Barrington

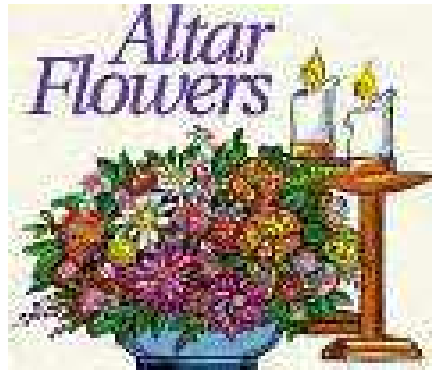
Meditations led by Janette Warner

Mandala guidance and drawing materials provided by Brooke

Raymond

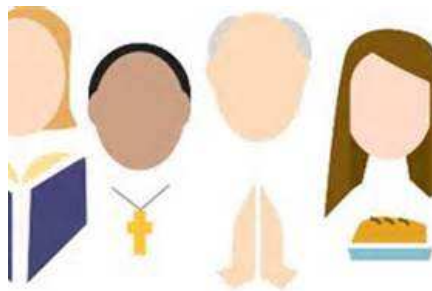
Monday Morning Meditations & Mandalas aims to provide a space to step away from stress and into some breathing room of your own making - for reflection, quiet and calm.

See a flyer [here](#) with more information.



Flowers, flowers, flowers!

Please take some! If you have donated the Sunday floral arrangement or if you plan to visit a home-bound parishioner during the week, please take a flower or two from the Sunday arrangement! Please check with an Altar Guild member **AFTER** the 10:45 a.m. service for help in removing the flowers from the arrangement. Any Altar Guild member will be happy to assist you!



The Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) will be meeting on Saturday, October 19 at 9:00 a.m.

in the nave for a training session. Current LEMs and any parishioners interested in becoming a part of this ministry or just seeing what it is all about are invited to attend! Please call Suzanne Fler (847.202.8934) or Fr. Kevin

(847.381.2323x13) with any questions. We would love to have you become a part of this rewarding ministry!

All Saints' Day at St. Michael's

As has long been the custom, deceased loved ones will be remembered in prayer in the context of St. Michael's All Saints' Services. **On All Saints' Day, Friday, November 1**, we will pray aloud for all deceased loved ones, whatever the date of their death. **For this service on November 1 you are invited to bring a photo of your loved one to place by the altar.** On All Saints' Sunday, November 3, we will pray aloud for those loved ones who have died within the past twelve months. If you would like to have the name of a deceased loved one read during the All Saints prayers, please print the name(s) in the designated binder, located in the narthex/front entrance, **no later than Sunday, Sunday October 27.**



Angelus Concert to take place at St. Michael's on 8 November at 7:00 p.m.

Angelus is comprised of six young women from Mt. Vernon Senior High School in Indiana. Dedicated to the performance of sacred music of varied religious traditions and historical periods, Angelus is completely unique among

American high school vocal ensembles. Angelus explores repertoire that is both historically and artistically significant, including medieval chant and polyphony, works from the American Sacred Harp tradition and contemporary Irish and American compositions. Please plan to attend this special event!



Volunteer for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Michael's!

St. Michael's is preparing to host our **8th annual free community dinner on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28**. In the past, our guests have included members of the community, 50 recruits from Great Lakes Naval Base, youth from

Maryville Academy, and many from our parish. Volunteers are needed for this event: cooking (unstuffed) turkeys (we supply the bird), pie baking, set-up, table setting, decoration coordinator, serving, clean-up. Items needed to borrow just for the day: laptop computers, cell phones, (the recruits love this special time to connect with their families), guitars, and a karaoke machine. Volunteer slots fill up early for this popular event. Sign up poster is located in the foyer outside the Community Room.

In addition to all the wonderful volunteers and vendors who donate just about everything needed for the event, **this year we are humbly requesting monetary donations**. Each year we need to rent a warming oven, round tables, and purchase a few items not covered by our generous donor vendors. Any monetary donation is gratefully accepted and appreciated.

And remember, you are invited to join us for dinner! Great meal and great fellowship!

If you would like to learn more, contact Nancy Holmes in the Parish Office at 847-381-2323 x11 or nholmes@stmichaelsbarrington.org.



Habitat for Humanity Opportunity

This note was received this week from Jeannie Hanson:

"Dear Brothers and Sister,
Word has it that you're all Habitat for Humanity churches and as there's no home being constructed at the moment, you may have

willing hands and hearts to help construct merchandise huts for the first annual ChristKindl event in Barrington, organized by the Breakfast Rotary Club and the Barrington Village Association. We need folks who can wield a hammer and nails, perhaps a miter and saw (all boards will be cut to lengths needed, but corners needed) and other handy building skills.

Perhaps you saw the Barrington Patch article (below)

'It may seem early to think about the holidays, but the Barrington Village Association and Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club are already planning its ChristKindl Fest and has already obtained the village's approval for this year's festival.

ChristKindl Fest is scheduled for the weekend of December 6 to 8, coinciding with Barrington Traditions on Dec. 7.

The village of Barrington waived fees, including fees for tents, food application fee for local vendors and sound amplification permit, as an in-kind contribution. The contribution is up to \$7,500 for a multi-day event under Barrington's special event policy.

Twenty wooden structures will be placed in the Harris Bank parking lot for retail and food vendors, according to village reports. There will also be a large entertainment tent, a tent to cover portable toilets and a VIP tent for volunteers and sponsors.

A carnival train and 36 foot carousel ride is part of the fest along with a reindeer area.'

So, if you would please get the word out to your helping hands elves, I'd be very grateful. They can respond directly to David Loop at dloop@thegarlands.com who will let them know when and where the construction will happen."



AFRECS Pres., retired Asst. Bishop of VA, David Jones, introduces Bishop Abraham Nhial of Abyei Diocese, Episcopal Church of Sudan, at 2011 Conference.

8th Conference of the American Friends of the Episcopal Church of Sudan Oct. 18 - 20, 2013, St. James Commons

St. James Commons will host the 8th AFRECS Conference. American Friends of the Episcopal Church of Sudan was founded in response to hearing the cry of the persecuted Christians in Sudan, enduring over 23 years of civil war between the Islamic Fundamentalist government in the north and Christians and African Traditional Religion believers in the south. In 2011, the south

seceded from the north, forming the world's newest nation, South Sudan.

This year's AFRECS conference begins with registration Fri., Oct. 18, 10:00 AM. Several plenary sessions in the afternoon begin at 1:30 PM through 5:00 PM. Saturday, Oct. 19, beginning at 9AM, topics on health, partnerships, advocacy, theological education, crisis in the Nuba Mountains are scheduled through 5:30 PM. The closing Eucharist in St. James Cathedral, Sun., 11:00 AM, will be celebrated by Companion Bishop Joseph Garang Atem, Renk Diocese. AFRECS President, Bishop David Jones, retired Asst. of the Diocese of VA, will preach.

Bishops of the Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS) will be present to tell of the growth of the Church in spite of adversity. A session on matters of advocacy needing U.S. policy interest and strategies to enlist policy makers to take peace and stability in South Sudan to a higher level of priority will be offered. Another session will address the political and economic landscape of South Sudan.

Pre-registration is not necessary. AFRECS welcomes partners and other interested parties to attend one, or both days, dinner on Fri., lunch on Sat. at a cost of \$50 per day, plus \$10 for meals. For further information, contact Jackie Kraus, 847-381-5518; kraus.jackie@yahoo.com. All are welcome!



**Join us for
a FREE MEAL at
The Community Meal**

**Thursday, October 24, 2013
St. Paul United Church of Christ
401 East Main Street
Barrington
5-7pm**

What's Happening in October?

- Join us for a Halloween celebration!
 - We will be reading spooooooooky Halloween stories.
 - Children will receive a trick-or-treat goodie bag.
 - Don't forget to wear your Halloween costumes!
- We will be serving tossed salad, garlic bread, and lasagna. Yum!
- We will be offering FREE tutoring to students (K-12) in any subjects.
- St. Paul United Church of Christ is celebrating 150 years of ministry! To celebrate, the first 150 people to attend the meal will receive a Community Meal pencil.

Joyce P. from Barrington Area Council on Aging (BACOA) will be speaking about BACOA and the services they offer to seniors, family caregivers, and the community. Her presentation begins at 5:30 pm.

Sudan Soiree Pictures



Two Bishops, an Attache and a baby



Leslie & Kay



It takes a family! Ellen Lindeen with Eric, Jessie, Katie and Ric



Drum Circle



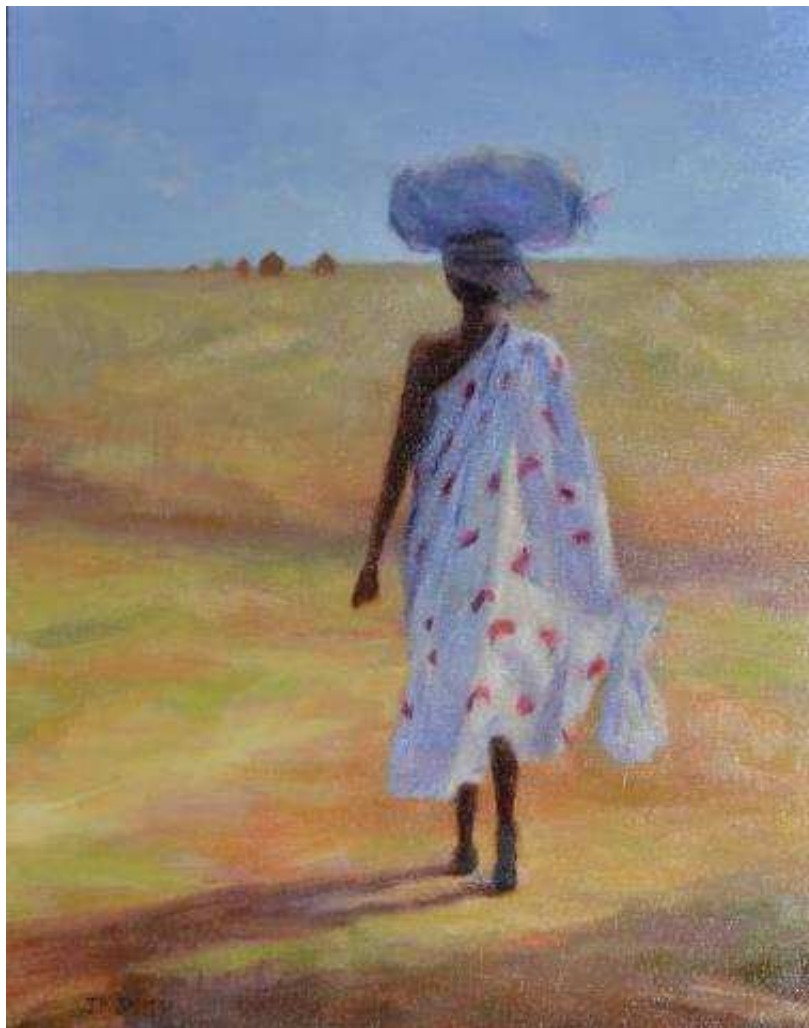
Auctioneer extraordinaire!



Jay & Betsy



Rachel, Bishop Joseph and Dolores



Loss and Possibility Bishop Lee speaks to House of Bishops on



Quincy reunion

On September 24, Bishop Lee spoke to the Episcopal Church's House of Bishops during a meeting titled "Transforming Loss into New Possibilities."

"There is unimaginably more than enough.

That's what I am learning from the people of God in our newest deanery of Peoria. They're teaching me to be a better bishop. And way better than that, they're teaching me to be a more faithful disciple."

[Read the entire speech, click here.](#)

Upcoming Events

- +14 October, Monday Morning Meditations & Mandalas, 6:00 a.m. (other dates, 28 October, 11 & 25 November)
- +19 October, Fall Festival and Little Angels Pumpkin Carving Event
- +25-26 October, October Men's Retreat
- +27 October, 50! Something Oktoberfest, 4:00 p.m.
- +1 November, All Saints Day Service, 7:00 and 10:00 a.m.
- +8 November, Angelus Sacred Music for Women's Voices Concert at 7:00 p.m.

Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Pentecost 21

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-11; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Contact Info

St. Michael's Vestry

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