

**Saint George Church
On-the-Green**

**March 7, 2021
Third Sunday of Lent**

33 Whitfield Street, Guilford, CT 06437

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Parish offices located in the Fr. Sullivan Center

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00, 11:30 AM

Daily Mass:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 8:30 AM

Confessions: Saturday 3:15 - 4:00 PM

Monday 5:45 - 6:45 PM

Kickoff Weekend | March 6-7, 2021

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Healing Together*



**2021 ARCHBISHOP'S
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MASS INTENTIONS

Masses are still being celebrated and livestreamed on our website.

SATURDAY, 03/06/2021

8:30 AM **Jamie Barry** Sue DiNicola
4:30 PM **Helen & Bill Elder** Bill & Joan Elder

SUNDAY, 03/07/2021 - Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM **David D'Alessio** Brooks Family
10:00 AM **Parishioners of St. George**
11:30 AM **William D. Graziano** Graziano Family

MONDAY, 03/08/2021 - St. John of God

8:30 AM **Josephine Whalen** Graziano Family
5:45 PM *Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions*

TUESDAY, 03/09/2021 - St. Francis of Rome

8:30 AM **William, Grandson of Sherry Cobb** Carol Andrecs

WEDNESDAY, 03/10/2021

8:30 AM **Armand Famiglietti** Sheila & Armand

THURSDAY, 03/11/2021

8:30 AM **Captain Andrew Pedersen-Keel** Helen & Bob Keiser

FRIDAY, 03/12/2021

8:30 AM **Dominican Nuns at Our Lady of Grace Monastery** Chuck & Noreen Wolleben
7:00 PM *Stations of the Cross*

SATURDAY, 03/13/2021

4:30 PM **Salvatore Milano** Janet & Jim Considine

SUNDAY, 03/14/2021 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM **Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus**
10:00 AM **Freda Kelleher** Carol

The Daily Rosary is recited immediately after the 8:30 AM Mass.
The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited every Tuesday immediately after the 8:30 AM Mass.
Our Lady of Fatima Rosary is recited in the Church every Wednesday at 7:15 PM.
Padre Pio Prayer Group meets in the Ruiz Center First Saturday of the month after the 8:30 AM Mass.
Eucharistic Adoration Mondays from 5:45 to 6:45 PM (Confession also available)
The Rosary for Healing & Protection is recited in the Church on the 4th Sunday of every month at 6:00 PM.

Readings Week

Sunday:

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/
1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday:

Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday:

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/
Jn 3:14-21

Mass Intentions 2022

The 2022 Mass Book will open on **Wednesday, March 10**. We will accept Mass Intentions **via phone only** as the office still remains closed to visitors. The donation for a Mass Intention is \$20 and can be paid by cash or check. If paying by check, please list **Mass Intention and the Date** in the memo field or on the outside of your envelope. Your donation can be left in the collection boxes, in the black lockbox outside of the Sullivan Center, or mailed to the office: St. George Church, Attn: Mass Intention, 33 Whitfield Street, Guilford, CT 06437.

We appreciate your patience as we answer your calls and will return any messages left on the voicemail as promptly as possible.

PARISH Support

January Parish Support

Offertory – \$54,593
(includes \$21,834 in on-line giving)
Yearly Donations – \$30,000

Christmas & Holy Days – \$20,623
(includes \$1,415 in on-line giving)

Matthew 25 – \$8,973
(includes \$3,942 in on-line giving)
Matthew 25 Yearly Donations – \$10,000

Upcoming Second Collections

March 6/7 **Matthew 25**
March 13/14 **Catholic Relief Services**

From the Pastor's Desk...

The Ten Commandments

Many of us of a “certain vintage” remember that around Holy Week and Passover each year, network TV would broadcast Cecil B. DeMille’s *The Ten Commandments* with Charlton Heston in the lead role as Moses, and Yul Brynner as Rameses, Pharaoh of Egypt. This weekend, our First Reading at Mass features the “original” Ten Commandments from the Bible. Many of us learned these by heart while growing up, and they are still quite relevant for guiding us in the moral life and even in examining our consciences before confession.

Let’s take a few moments to reflect on the treasure these Commandments are for us. The first three Commandments focus us on our responsibility to God, the remaining seven on our moral obligations in our relationships with one another. Just this simple ordering itself tells of God’s primacy over all. The first commandment reminds us there is only one God, and no one or nothing else is to take priority over God. When it does, we are guilty of worshipping “false gods.” Second, God’s name is holy and is not to be used as an expletive when we are angry. We also must take seriously any oath we make in God’s name. Third, God is worthy of our reverence and honor. All that we are and have is ultimately a gift from God. Does not God deserve a day we set aside to worship, thank, and praise him, a day we call Sabbath? Fourth, next to God, our parents who gave us life, and have nurtured or continue to nurture us, deserve our respect, our love and honor. Fifth, life itself is a gift from God and therefore sacred. We can never take a life without offending the One whose gift it is. The unborn and the aged, the sick and feeble, the abled and differently abled, the innocent and the guilty, and everyone in between must be respected and treated with dignity. Two commandments, the sixth and ninth, call us to respect the sacred bond of marriage – to nourish and nurture our own marital relationships and never to intervene in the marriage bond of another. The seventh and tenth commandments call us to respect the property of others, never taking for ourselves what does not belong to us, nor even harboring jealousy of what others have. The eighth commandment is a call to be truthful in all things – to tell the truth, and to seek the truth. Of all the commandments, I think this one is especially difficult in our modern world when so many no longer tell the truth, and when facts can be so manipulated as to obfuscate the truth. Now as Christians, Jesus tells us that the “greatest commandment” is love. And truly, if we were to love God, our neighbor and ourselves perfectly, we would easily fulfill every one of the Ten Commandments. So isn’t it great to have a little checklist, a “top ten list” to help us in our journey towards perfecting that love!

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2021

This weekend marks the start of the 2021 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal in our parish. If you did not receive the 2021 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal request mailing, please pick up a packet at the rear of Church as you leave today. As Catholics in the Archdiocese of Hartford we have a profound impact on our local communities not only in the spiritual realm, but intimately connected to it, the realm of social services and many charities and outreach services performed by, or with help from, our Church.

- For the fifth year in a row, in 2020, the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program provided over \$1,000,000 to over 200 local organizations in Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven counties.
- Organizations such as Guilford Interfaith Ministries, Columbus House, Amistad Catholic Worker House, Branford Community Dining Room, received funding from the Appeal’s Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in serving our neighbors.
- All funds contributed to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Saint of the Week - The Sleeping St. Joseph

As noted last week in our Scriptural examination of St. Joseph, often the solutions to Joseph's questions, or warnings and instructions came to him in dreams while he was sleeping. When first confronted with the news of Mary's pregnancy, his own plan is to "divorce her quietly." But after "sleeping on" that decision, he is visited by an angel in a dream telling him not to be afraid to proceed with his marriage to Mary. After the visit of the Magi, Joseph is warned in a dream to take the family to Egypt to protect their newborn son Jesus from the threat from King Herod. Once the threat of Herod has passed, Joseph again is given instructions in a dream to return to his country and specifically to Nazareth. Because Joseph so often is given direction while sleeping, the tradition arose of the "Sleeping St. Joseph." More popular as a devotion among South American and Pacific Rim Catholics (especially in the Philippines), the devotee writes any intentions, concerns, worries, or needed guidance written on a piece of paper and then places it under the statue of the sleeping St. Joseph, for him to "sleep on it" and intercede for guidance or resolution of the prayer intentions. Pope Francis has had a particular devotion to the Sleeping St. Joseph ever since he was the priest-rector of the Jesuit Major Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina. In remarks during a Mass he celebrated in Manila on the Feast of St. Joseph, Pope Francis said, "Even when he is asleep, he is taking care of the church! Yes! We know that he can do that. So when I have a problem, a difficulty, I write a little note and I put it underneath St. Joseph, so that he can dream about it! In other words I tell him: Pray for this problem! Do not forget St. Joseph who sleeps! Jesus slept with the protection of Joseph." Here is a prayer to St. Joseph for this particular devotion you may wish to use:

Prayer to the Sleeping St. Joseph



O St. Joseph, you are a man greatly favored by the Most High. The angel of the Lord appeared to you in dreams, while you slept, to warn you and guide you as you cared for the Holy Family. You were both silent and strong, a loyal and courageous protector. Dear St. Joseph, as you rest in the Lord, confident in his absolute power and goodness, look upon me. Please take my need into your heart, dream of it, and present it to your Son (*mention your request*). Help me then, good St. Joseph to hear the voice of God, to arise, and to act with love. I praise and thank God with joy. St. Joseph, I love you. Amen.

(from Donald H. Calloway, MIC, *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*.)

Lent at Saint George

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday thru Friday 8:30 AM

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM in the Church
March 12, 19, 26, April 2

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Monday from 5:45 PM to 6:45 PM

Confessions: Children's Chapel

Mondays in Lent 5:45 — 6:45 PM and Saturdays 3:15 – 4:00 PM

Little Black Books (available in English or Spanish):

Six minutes a day with Jesus; reflections on the scripture, thoughts to ponder, suggestions for prayer

Best Lent Ever

Receive a daily inspirational email from Dynamic Catholic. Sign up at dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever

Rice Bowls

Join our parish community - and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States - in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's rice bowl at the exits of the Church this weekend and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! Remember what you give up for Lent changes lives.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration Same Irish Spirit - New Way to Celebrate

St. George Men's Group

This is a drive-thru, socially-distant celebration

Proceeds to benefit the VFW Post 7666



Pick up your traditional, delicious corn beef dinner, w/ potatoes, carrots, cabbage, salad, soda bread and chocolate chip cookie for dessert.

Delivery is being offered to homebound. (Guilford only.) Call phone number below.

Reserve your spot for this St. Patrick's day celebration.

When: Saturday March 20, 2021

Time: 5:00-7:00pm

Where: Nathanael B Green Community Center
32 Church Street, Guilford

Cost: \$18.00/pp online plus service charge; \$18.00/pp mail-in check

To Purchase Tickets:

All ticket transactions must be completed by March 15th

Online - stgeorgemensgroup.org

Mail in - Make check payable to "St. George Men's Group"

Send to: Jim Mancini

44 Norton Ave Guilford

For more info go to stgeorgemensgroup.org

Or call Jim Mancini @ 203-410-4682.

Monthly Matthew 25 Collection

This Weekend, March 6 & 7

The money collected is used exclusively and entirely for the charitable works of the parish, for individuals in need and organizations that help the poor. Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.



Help Stop State Sponsored Suicide

The Connecticut General Assembly is considering legalizing a form of suicide in our state commonly referred to as "aid-in-dying" or "physician-assisted suicide". The legislation is *House Bill 6425 "An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients"*.

Modern hospice care and the proper use of pain medications render suicide unnecessary, and we need to be mindful of the threat that a suicide mentality poses to vulnerable people and to people with disabilities.

Many people believe that a physician is deeply involved in this process. This not true. The physician orders the mixture of medications, the patient must then orally consume the deadly cocktail of drugs without assistance. Many times without even a physician or nurse present.

We should never allow legislators to establish suicide as a solution to medical issues.

Catholic teaching condemns physician-assisted suicide because it, like murder, involves taking an innocent human life:

Suicide is always as morally objectionable as murder. The Church's tradition has always rejected it as a gravely evil choice: To concur with the intention of another person to commit suicide and to help in carrying it out through so-called "assisted suicide" means to cooperate in, and at times to be the actual perpetrator of, an injustice which can never be excused, even if it is requested. Saint Augustine writes that "it is never licit to kill another: even if he should wish it." True "compassion" leads to sharing another's pain; it does not kill the person whose suffering we cannot bear. (John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, no. 66).

TAKE ACTION:

Go to the website below, **read more on the issue** and then sign the petition to stop the legalization of assisted suicide in Connecticut

www.ctstopsuicide.org



Learning about Spiritual Direction

Spiritual direction is an ancient Christian tradition. Today this ministry is no different from the times of the early Christianity – it remains a form of “holy listening” wherein the seeker explores her/his spiritual journey with the help of a trained director and discovers God’s movement in her/his life.

In this webinar we will:

- Explore the *process* of spiritual direction
- Discuss what spiritual direction is – and is not
- Discuss when and for whom it may be appropriate
- Discuss how direction works
- Discuss how to find trained, experienced spiritual direction resources

If you have an interest or want to learn more, please come and join us for an informational webinar :

- **Date: 3/17/2021**
- **Time: 7:30 PM**

For **RSVP** and webinar information please reply to: Rick Ashcroft at rashcroft@sbcglobal.net



Introducing Flocknote

During this past year, particularly when the church was closed to in-person Mass, services and activities, we took the step to reach out to all of our parishioners who are registered in our parish database. During this time, we realized the need to update parishioner information (as much is outdated) and create the ability to be able to connect with parishioners using more current means such as email and text messaging. For example, when attempting to call parishioners, many of you have long ago disconnected your land lines, and now use only your cell phones, greatly limiting our ability to reach you. Also, when we had the need to communicate urgent and important information, such as when we needed to cancel Masses for Christmas, we could rely only on our website and Facebook/Instagram pages to convey that information and hope that you would check them prior to coming.

Beginning today, we will begin using a communication vehicle called “Flocknote” which is designed to make communication to parishioners and the dissemination of information/materials much easier. For this to be effective, we need your most up-to-date cell phone number and email address. We’re asking every parishioner to **text the word GUILFORD to 84576** to which you will receive a link to add your current email to our database. Once you do so, you will be sent an email to activate this service. Please remember to complete this step. You may wish to start with just one member of your household, or additional individuals who would like to participate may sign up as well. Those who do so will be eligible to receive the special Lenten materials from Bishop Barron’s Word on Fire institute. During Lent, we will send a weekly text or email containing links to short (2-3 minute) videos you can watch for spiritual inspiration and to increase your understanding of our Catholic faith. It is a unique opportunity for us as a parish.

This will also enable us to send out rapid communications to the whole parish, or to select groups within the parish with urgent messages, such as when an event or program must be canceled or changed. We can also invite you to receive regular communications such as a weekly or monthly newsletter to keep you informed, or to send you the weekly bulletin by email if you so choose. We promise to move slowly and not inundate you with lots of texts or emails, and have you help us to decide the appropriate frequency of such messages.

Once again, please **text the word GUILFORD to 84576** asap, and we will be able to vastly improve our communication with all of you, our parishioners, and stay connected even while “social distancing” for health and safety purposes.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Our next drive will be on **Friday, March 19** from 12 Noon to 6:30 pm in the St. George Church Hall, but you don’t have to wait until then to make your donation.

Log on to www.redcrossblood.org to make an appointment and to save a life.



The Equality Act discriminates against people of faith and threatens unborn life. Tell your elected officials to oppose it!

Everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. The Equality Act, which is being voted on in the U.S. House of Representatives soon, in many ways does the opposite and needs to be opposed. Instead of respecting differences in beliefs about marriage and sexuality, the Equality Act would discriminate against people of faith. The Equality Act would: punish faith-based organizations, such as charities and schools who serve everyone in their communities, simply because of their beliefs; force girls and women to compete against boys and men for limited opportunities in sports, and to share locker rooms and shower spaces with biological males who identify as women; risk mandating taxpayers to fund abortions; force people in everyday life, and especially health care workers, to support gender transition; and expand what the government considers a “public” place, forcing even some parish halls to host functions that conflict with Catholic beliefs.

<https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/80967/Respond>



Friday Nights



Sponsored by the St. George *Knights of Columbus*



Drive through---all orders to go

Safety guidelines will be followed by staff
All orders will be delivered to the patron's car



- WHEN: Fridays --- March 5, 12, 19, 26
- WHERE: 390 South Union Street, Guilford (The East Creek Landing Banquet Facility)
- TIME: 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Help us to help our Community

Menu

- Fried Fish Dinner, includes fries and coleslaw 14.00 
- Baked Fish Dinner, Includes green beans and coleslaw 14.00
- French Fries 3.50 
- Caesar Salad 7.00 
- Mac & Cheese 6.00 
- Hot Dog 3.50 
- Grilled Cheese 3.50 
- 3 Stuffed Clams 8.00 
- Bowl Clam Chowder 5.00 

Part of the proceeds will help benefit these local organizations:

- Mar. 5 Carl's Crusaders, Guilford Food Bank
- Mar.12 SARAH Foundation, St. George Food Pantry
- Mar.19 East Shoreline Catholic Academy, VNA
- Mar. 26 Cystic Fibrosis, Hugs

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For more information call Dan Walker at 203-640-1919.

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**Assistance for Those Seeking Jobs
Zoom Meetings**



The Guilford Job Network, a volunteer non-denominational group that supports job-seekers via expert guest speakers and job search counseling, generally meets twice monthly via live web-cast meetings using Zoom. All job-seekers are welcome, but first time attendees must email Russ Allen at RussAllen2@aol.com to request a meeting invitation via email which includes a meeting link and password to join any meeting. **The meetings will be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Upcoming meeting dates are March 10 & March 24 from 7-9 PM.**

For more information, please contact Russ at 203-457-0121 or RussAllen2@aol.com



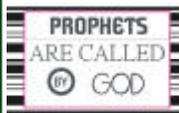
Book Club News!

We will be reading,
The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter
By Hazel Gaynor
for our March meeting.

We meet by Zoom on
Wednesday, March 24th at 7 pm.

All are welcome, so if you would like to join us, please email
srkathleen@stgeorgeguilford.org

This is usually our last meeting, but given the situation of our time, we will continue throughout the Spring and Summer. Look for information in our bulletin. Gratefully, Sr. Kathleen



God gave His people commandments to follow, a way of life, thus imparting His wisdom to the simple. Moreover, He so loved the world that He gave us His Son so that all might have eternal life. Are you following God's way? Is He calling you to proclaim the Good News as a priest or deacon, or in religious life? Come and see. Call **Fr. Michael Casey**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Tel. 860-761-7456, e-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com

Pet Food Drive



Please join our Religious Education students in supporting our area animal shelters. Help Willy's Friends, an organization out of Durham, CT, who graciously collects animal supplies and delivers them all over the state to shelters who are currently in need.

Bins will be located at all entrances of the church and outside the parish center. The Pet Food Drive will run from March 6th - March 21st. Thank you for your care and concern of our four-legged friends!



Want to try something other than

- Pizza 
- Pasta 
- or Fish 

for your Lenten Friday meals? Check out these CRS Rice Bowl meatless recipes from around the world to experience the cultures of Madagascar, El Salvador and other countries in your kitchen!
<https://www.crsricebowl.org/recipe>



Rooted in Faith—Opening Wide Our Hearts



On Wednesday, March 10, 7:00 PM, The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford will continue its conference series with **Getting with the Program*** (*The Original Program of the Gospels)

A look at how Pope Francis' encyclical on Social Friendship (Fratelli Tutti) encourages us to Racial Equality with Sr. Doretta D'Albero, ASCJ.

What began as a series of Facebook posts of Sr. Doretta's personal reflections on passages of "Fratelli Tutti/On Social Friendship" is here expanded to present some key points of the encyclical that can help us to grow in our understanding and practice of true racial equality. Pope Francis' words challenge us to the conversion of heart necessary in order to be healers for our society, so deeply wounded by the evils of prejudice and racism.

The Webinar is free; advanced registration is required and available at:

www.catholicsocialjustice.org/open-wide-our-hearts.html



- March 6 - First Reconciliation #3
- March 10 - Guilford Job Network
- March 12 - K of C Fish Fry Drive Thru
- March 12 - Stations of the Cross
- March 13 - First Reconciliation #4
- March 14 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 19 - K of C Fish Fry Drive Thru
- March 19 - Stations of the Cross
- March 20 - First Reconciliation #5
- March 20 - St. George Men's Group - St. Patrick's Day Drive Thru
- March 24 - Guilford Job Network
- March 26 - K of C Fish Fry Drive Thru
- March 26 - Stations of the Cross



ANYTHING & EVERYTHING

Your donations to the Food Pantry should be non-perishable items. The families we feed truly appreciate all that you do for them. On their behalf, THANK YOU!

40 Days For Life Vigil from Feb 17 to March 28th at Planned Parenthood in New Haven:

Join us each day from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. For more information, please contact Mike Ferraro Jr. at 203-481-5027 for any questions. Please do your best for our most unprotected lives. "Yours For Life"

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AT ST. JOHN BOSCO CHURCH, BRANFORD, CT FROM 2:00 TO 6:00 P.M.**

To view and order, please go to this link:

[https://my.mcmfundraising.com/2021-spring-east-shoreline-catholic-academy/
branford-catholic-churches/](https://my.mcmfundraising.com/2021-spring-east-shoreline-catholic-academy/branford-catholic-churches/)

*Please be sure to include your full name, phone number and email address when ordering. Orders must be placed no **LATER** than Thursday, March 11, 2021.*

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no tasting at any of the churches this year and this fundraiser will be a hybrid of on-line ordering and submission of forms.

Note: Pies & Cookie dough will need to be picked up and cannot be delivered directly.

Thank you for your support!

Any questions, please call or text Debra Panella 203-415-2668



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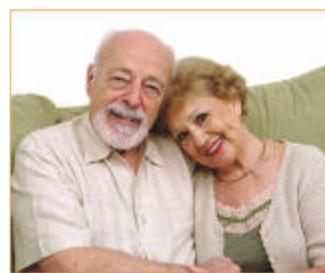
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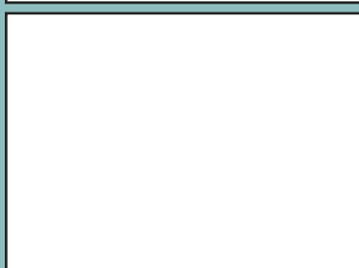


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