

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul And the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia



December 31, 2023

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

With Jesus Christ as our Head and Foundation, the Cathedral Parish of Saints Peter and Paul forms a vibrant Roman Catholic community in Center City and serves all those who come to the Cathedral Basilica, the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Our parish community professes our Catholic Faith, ministers to others and welcomes all, as rooted in the Word of God and the celebration of the Sacraments of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*Adopted by the Parish Council
August 10, 2021*

MASS SCHEDULE

- Sunday:** 5:15 PM - Anticipated Mass on Saturday in the Cathedral Basilica
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM - Mass in the Cathedral Basilica
12:30 PM - Spanish Mass in the Cathedral Chapel (Misa en español, en la Capilla)
6:30 PM - Mass in the Cathedral Basilica
- Weekdays:** 7:15 AM, 12:05 PM - Mass in the Cathedral Chapel
- Saturdays:** 12:05 PM - Mass in the Cathedral Chapel
- Holy Days:** See website

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE SCHEDULE

- Sunday:** 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM in the Basilica
12:00 PM (español) en la Capilla
- Weekdays:** 11:30 AM in the Basilica
- Saturday:** 4:15 PM in the Basilica

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the:
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE,
SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK,
AND HOLY COMMUNION OF THE SICK
AND HOMEBOUND**

The Cathedral Shop is open
Wed. 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM / Sat. 11:00 AM - 5:15 PM
Sun. 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM / 215-665-9032

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul
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Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
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Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel <https://www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/>

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sunday, December 31, 2023

“Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly”. COL. 3:15a, 16a R. Alleluia, alleluia.



MASS Intentions

December 30 Saturday
Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

12:05 Gabriel J. Zinni, Sr.
5:15 Richard Norwaki

December 31 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Robert Jacoski
11:00 Anthony Paul McCredo
12:30 James Argutto

New Year's Eve Vigil Masses

6:30 Jane Rita Scanlon
11:00 Holy Hour with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

New Year's Day Masses

Monday, January 1
Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
12:00 Intention of the Priest Celebrant
(Midnight Mass)
8:00 Intention of the Priest Celebrant
10:00 Intention of the Priest Celebrant
12:00 Intention of the Priest Celebrant

January 2 Tuesday
Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
7:15 Sloane Rose Kwartnik
12:05 Peter Tamburro

January 3 Wednesday
Christmas Weekday
The Most Holy Name of Jesus
7:15 Essie Mae Rubin
12:05 Intentions of Mother Mary Christa Nutt, RSM

January 4 Thursday
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
7:15 Intentions entrusted to St. Katharine Drexel
12:05 Christine Stevens

January 5 Friday
St. John Neumann
7:15 Salvatore Gallo
12:05 Slone Kwartnik

January 6 Saturday
Christmas Weekday
St. André Bessette
12:05 Jennifer Bebko Randel
5:15 Ralph Kalish

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the Sunday celebration within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord. As we continue to celebrate the great event of Christmas Day, the Birth of our Divine Savior, this Sunday gives us the opportunity to focus on the family into which Jesus came into this world. We look to Mary, the Virgin Mother, and Saint Joseph, the foster father, for the very special role they played in God's plan to save and redeem us. The Collect for Mass for this Sunday reminds us that the Holy Family is a shining example for all of us to imitate, especially in the virtues of family life and the bonds of charity. Let us turn to the Holy Family in our prayers for our own families and all families, especially those most troubled, to know the peace and unity in the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. I encourage you to stop and pray before the Holy Family in the Nativity Scene in the Cathedral Basilica or Cathedral Chapel during these days of Christmas.

Monday, January 1, 2024, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, brings to a conclusion the eight-day celebration of Christmas Day. Again, this year there will be a Holy Hour at 11:00 PM on December 31, 2023 in the Cathedral Basilica, before the Mass for the New Year at Midnight, to pray before our Eucharistic Lord for his divine favor throughout 2024. Please see elsewhere the Mass schedule for January 1, 2024. When the Holy Day of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother God, falls on a Monday or a Saturday, there is no obligation to assist at Holy Mass. Even though this is the case this New Year, I encourage everyone to celebrate the Holy Day with Mass. This places the Eucharist at the center of our observance of the beginning of the New Year.

*This Friday, January 5, 2024, we keep the Feast of Saint John Neumann, the holy fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Philadelphia. Saint John Neumann continues to be an inspiration and example to us in our own time. He carried out the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way. If possible, come to Mass at the Cathedral Chapel on his Feast, either at 7:15 AM or 12:05 PM. Also, today, through the week or next Sunday, make a visit to his altar which is located to the rear of the Race Street side of the Basilica. *Saint John Neumann, pray for us!**

The response to the Parish Giving Tree was exceptional this year with more than eight hundred gifts received and delivered to those in need. Hundreds of people benefited from your thoughtfulness and generosity through our Giving Tree and many other donations of money, food and items for the poor and needy. Thank you so very much!

Thank you to all our parishioners and visitors for your on-going generosity to the Cathedral Parish, especially at this time of the year. Your generosity in the Christmas Collections, in person and on-line, is so very much appreciated. Thank you as well for your generosity to the Christmas Flowers' fund. The second collection next Sunday will be directed to poor and needy in the neighborhood of the Cathedral Parish. You can mail your Christmas and Sunday offerings to the Cathedral Parish Office or make use of the many ways to give electronically. Please see <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Thank you so very much.

God bless you for Christmas and the New Year!
Father Dennis Gill
Rector

PRAYER | PARTICIPATION | GENEROSITY



Consider planning your legacy as you begin the year. By remembering the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul Parish Fund in your will or through a planned gift, you are an eternal steward.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Pray for us.

And let us remember to pray for each other always!

For more information, visit: www.cathedralphila.org.

The offertory collection for Sunday 12/24/2023 will be posted on a future edition of the parish bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity to the Cathedral Parish

Please consider a gift to support the good works of our Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

- You are invited to become a member of our parish family and take part in our ministries, programs, events, and worship. Please speak with Deacon Burgos, email us at info@cathedralphila.org or call the office at 215-561-1313 to make an appointment with Father Gill or Father Artman, and one of them can help you register.
- Consider the Cathedral in your Financial Plan – call Rose at the Cathedral office 215-561-1313. She can help with your Estate planning – such as adding the Cathedral as a beneficiary of your life insurance, IRA, annuity or a memorial gift. She can also help you with Tax Planning – such as a gift of appreciated stock or a distribution from your IRA.
- Donate on-line** at <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/> or scan this QR code:



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Readings for Mass for this Week

Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: usccb.org/bible/readings

LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS AT 11:00 AM

Click Here, or go to:

<https://vimeo.com/event/2470138>; [Worship Aid](#)

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos: Maria's intentions, Patti Petrone, Rogelio Varela's intentions, Ronald Bogush, Angelita VR, Natalie Vo, Magda & David, Xela Mae Soriano, Maria Martin's intentions, Angelica's intentions, Judge Frank Caprio, Shelley Lord's intentions, Judy Andrade, Alex & Paige Bednarsky, John Lang, Shelley Lord, Milagro Portal, Bobby, Angel Morel, Allison Torres, For the intentions submitted to PrayersUniteTheWorld.org, and those in nursing homes or hospitals and all the sick. **To add or remove parishioners, friends or family members to the prayer list, please send an email to: prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org. Por favor envíe un email o llame a la oficina parroquial para añadir o remover los nombres de la lista de personas que estén enfermas.**

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill
Rector

Reverend Monsignor Arthur E. Rodgers
Rector Emeritus

Reverend Brandon M. Artman
Parochial Vicar

Reverend Peter J. Welsh
Part-time Parochial Vicar (Hispanic Ministry)

Reverend Monsignor John M. Savinski
Priest in Residence

Reverend Philip G. Bochanski
Priest in Residence

Deacon Jesús M. Burgos
Permanent Deacon

Sister Mary Luchia, P.V.M.I.
Parish Evangelization

Sister Mary Raphael Paradis, R.S.M.
Outreach Coordinator

Christian M. Thompson
Director of Religious Education

Charlene Angelini
Director of Cathedral Parish Music

Mark Loria
Principal Organist

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

-Adult faith formation-

Living a Moral Life The First Commandment

Thursday, January 4, 2024, 7:00 PM

Meeting in the Neumann Room

The weekly catechetical session is primarily for the adults among us who are preparing to receive the Easter Sacraments. However, anyone interested in the topic for better understanding and faith formation is most welcome to attend. **Anyone**, especially our parishioners, seeking more information on the reception of the Sacraments or assisting as a sponsor, please call the Parish Office, 215-561-1313 or email Father Dennis Gill at fr.dgill@archphila.org

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024
8:00 AM

Holy Hour for Vocations

Chapel, Cathedral Basilica of
Saints Peter & Paul
1723 Race Street Philadelphia

Fr. David Friel, Vocation Director, Presider

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few.
So ask the master of the harvest to send out
laborers for his harvest."



**Declaración de la Misión de la
Parroquia Catedral de los Santos
Pedro y Pablo**

Con Jesucristo como nuestra Cabeza y Fundamento, la Parroquia Catedral de los Santos Pedro y Pablo forma una vibrante comunidad Católica Romana en el centro de la ciudad y sirve a todos aquellos que vienen a la Catedral Basílica, la Iglesia Madre de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia. Nuestra comunidad parroquial profesa nuestra fe católica, ministra a los demás y da la bienvenida a todos, enraizada en la Palabra de Dios y la celebración de los sacramentos de Jesucristo, nuestro Señor y Salvador.

*Adoptado por el Consejo Pastoral
Parroquial, agosto 10, 2021*

MISAS PARA EL DÍA DE AÑO NUEVO

**Solemnidad de María,
la Santa Madre de Dios
1 de enero - Un Día de Precepto**

**Domingo, Vísperas de Año Nuevo,
diciembre 31, 2023**

- ⇒ 6:30 PM Misa anticipada en la Catedral Basílica
- ⇒ 11:00 PM Hora Santa con Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento en la Basílica

**Lunes, Día de Año Nuevo,
enero 1, 2024**

- ⇒ 12:00 AM (Medianoche) - Misa Solemne en la Catedral Basílica
- ⇒ 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM - Misas Solemnes en la Basílica
- ⇒ 12:30 PM Misa (en español) en la Catedral Capilla

**No habrá Misa vespertine
el 1 de enero del 2024**

*Confesiones el sábado 31 de diciembre
del 2023 a partir de las 4:15 PM
Confesiones el domingo 1 de enero del
2024 a partir de las 9:00 AM y a las 12
PM (mediodía) en la Capilla en español*



RETIRO
*Y estos huesos secos
Vivirán*
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DESDE NUEVA YORK
Juan De La Rosa
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01.13.2024 | 9AM - 5PM
En el Hall de Santos Inocent | 1337 E. Hunting Park Ave. Phila. Pa 19124

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Hoy es la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José, celebración dominical dentro de la Octava de la Natividad del Señor. Mientras continuamos celebrando el gran acontecimiento del día de Navidad, el nacimiento de nuestro Divino Salvador, este domingo nos da la oportunidad de centrarnos en la familia a la que Jesús vino a este mundo. Miramos a María, la Virgen Madre, y a San José, el padre adoptivo, por el papel tan especial que desempeñaron en el plan de Dios para salvarnos y redimirnos. La Colecta para la Misa de este domingo nos recuerda que la Sagrada Familia es un ejemplo brillante que todos debemos imitar, especialmente en las virtudes de la vida familiar y los vínculos de la caridad. Acudamos a la Sagrada Familia en nuestras oraciones para que nuestras propias familias y todas las familias, especialmente las más atribuladas, conozcan la paz y la unidad en la familia de Jesús, María y José. Los animo a detenerse a rezar ante la Sagrada Familia en el Belén de la Catedral Basílica o Capilla durante estos días de Navidad.

El lunes 1 de enero del 2024, Solemnidad de María, la Santa Madre de Dios, concluye la celebración de ocho días del día de Navidad. Nuevamente este año habrá una Hora Santa a las 11:00 pm del 31 de diciembre del 2023 en la Catedral Basílica, antes de la Misa de Año Nuevo a medianoche, para orar ante nuestro Señor Eucarístico por su divino favor durante todo el 2024. en otra parte el horario de Misa para el 1 de enero del 2024. Cuando el Día de Precepto de la Solemnidad de María, la Santa Madre Dios, cae en lunes o sábado, no hay obligación de asistir a la Santa Misa. Aunque este es el caso, este Año Nuevo animo a todos a celebrar el Día de Precepto con Misa. Esto coloca a la Eucaristía en el centro de nuestra observancia del comienzo del Año Nuevo.

Este viernes 5 de enero del 2024 celebramos la Fiesta de San Juan Neumann, el santo cuarto Obispo de la Diócesis de Filadelfia. San Juan Neumann sigue siendo una inspiración y un ejemplo para nosotros en nuestro tiempo. Realizó las cosas ordinarias de la vida de manera extraordinaria. Si es posible, acuda a Misa en la Capilla de la Catedral en su Fiesta, ya sea a las 7:15 am o a las 12:05 pm. Además, hoy, durante la semana o el próximo domingo, visite su altar que se encuentra en la parte trasera del lado de la calle Race de la Basílica. ¡San Juan Neumann, ruega por nosotros!

La respuesta al Árbol de Donaciones Parroquial fue excepcional este año con más de ochocientas donaciones recibidas y entregadas a los necesitados. Cientos de personas se beneficiaron de su consideración y generosidad a través de nuestro Árbol de Donaciones y muchas otras donaciones de dinero, alimentos y artículos para los pobres y necesitados. ¡Muchas gracias!

Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes por su continua generosidad hacia la Parroquia de la Catedral, especialmente en esta época del año. Se agradece mucho su generosidad en las Colectas de Navidad, en persona y en línea. Gracias también por su generosidad con el fondo de Flores de Navidad. La segunda colecta el próximo domingo estará dirigida a los pobres y necesitados del barrio de la Parroquia Catedral. Puede enviar sus ofrendas de Navidad y domingo por correo a la oficina parroquial de la Catedral o utilizar las muchas formas de donar electrónicamente. Consulte <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Muchas gracias.

¡Dios los bendiga para Navidad y Año Nuevo!
Padre Dennis Gill
Rector



Mass Schedule

MASSES FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY 2024

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
January 1**

Sunday, New Year's Eve, December 31, 2023

6:30 PM - Mass in the Basilica

11:00 PM - Holy Hour with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Basilica

Monday, New Year's Day, January 1, 2024

12:00 AM Midnight, Solemn Mass in the Basilica

8:00 AM Mass, 10:00 AM Mass, and
12:00 PM Noon

Solemn Mass in the Basilica (*livestreamed*)

There is no evening Mass on January 1, 2024.

Horario en Español

<https://cathedralphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Spanish-Christmas-Flyer-2023.pdf>



MASS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 11am Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

The Office for Catechetical Formation invites parish catechists and Directors/Coordinators of Religious Education throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to participate in the annual Mass for Religious Education which will be celebrated by **Archbishop Nelson Pérez** in the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

At the conclusion of the liturgy, the Archbishop will present anniversary awards individually to parish religious education catechists and Directors/Coordinators of Religious Education. **This year Bishop Fitzgerald will receive the highest catechetical award** for his significant contributions to evangelization and catechesis.

With great joy we extend our congratulations on your nomination by your Pastor and Director of Religious Education for a catechetical award which honors your years of dedication.

For more information go to <https://phillyocf.org/mass-for-religious-education/>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS CATHOLIC ADULTS AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL ALL YOUNG ADULTS WELCOME!

EVERY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Gather for the 6:30 PM Sunday Mass

in the Cathedral Basilica and fellowship after Mass

Confessions at 5:30 PM

The Fellowship will be in Drexel Hall Which is below the

Cathedral Chapel

Parking available

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2024

Sunday, New Year's Eve, December 31, 2023

11:00 PM Holy Hour with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral Basilica

Monday, New Year's Day, January 1, 2024

12:00 AM Midnight, Solemn Mass
in the Cathedral Basilica

New Year's Party follows Mass in the Drexel Hall

Volunteer Opportunity

Our next volunteer opportunity with the Young Adult group will be on Saturday, January 6th. Join us at 10:30AM at the front of the cathedral, where transportation will be provided to the St. Francis Inn in Kensington to help feed the homeless until approximately 1:30PM.

Please RSVP to Michael at mwilkens12@gmail.com by Friday, January 5th. Space is limited. Thank you for your service!

Winter Clothing Drive

Winter is here, and we need your help!

From Dec. 23rd to Jan. 28th we will have clothing bins in the vestibule of the church after each Sunday mass. Please drop off new / lightly used items to help keep our brothers and sisters warm this winter. High-need items include:

Winter coats

Hooded sweatshirts

Winter gloves

Men's pants (sizes 30-34 preferred)

New underwear (boxer briefs preferred)

Hotel-sized hygiene products (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, lotion, etc)

Towels and heavy blankets

Thank you for your continued support. For questions please email Michael at mwilkens12@gmail.com

BROTHERS OF BORROMEVO VOCATION CAMP 2024



Prepare the Way

~John 1:23~



March 16, 2024 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

B.B.V.C. - A day of food, fun, & fellowship
at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

Junior high young men - Grades 6-8

Registration due: February 23

Questions? Contact Sue Matour, Vocation Office:

smatour@archphila.org | 610-667-5778

HeadtheCall.org/BBVC



Go, Make Disciples: An Introductory Training in Missionary Discipleship

**Saturdays, January 13, February 17 and March 2, 2024
9am-12pm**

Our Lady of Hope Social Hall, 5200 N. Broad Street, Phila.
Facilitators: Meghan Cokeley, Office for the New Evangelization, and members of the Archbishop's Commission for Missionary Disciples

Cost: \$25.00 includes all 3 sessions, coffee, snacks and guide-book; Visit phillyevang.org/events

To register or <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=zgvQCK>

For more info go to <https://www.phillyevang.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/GMD-Our-Lady-of-Hope-2024-flyer->

Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany

Each year around the feast of the Epiphany many parishes throughout the world participate in an annual blessing of chalk. It is an ancient tradition that not only places God at the entrance of your home, it places your entire family under his protection.

The blessing has biblical roots, deeply tied to the Passover in the book of Exodus, as the chalk is used to mark the doorpost of your home.

The priest will bless chalk at the Vigil Mass for the Epiphany (**January 6**) and make it available for the Vigil and all day on the Epiphany (**January 7**). *The chalk and the prayers to use at home will be available after each Mass.*

The prayer can be found at <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/blessing-home-and-household-epiphany>

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE



Saint John's Hospice is a Catholic Social Services shelter for men located in Center City Philadelphia. Established in 1963 by Monsignor Anthony J. O'Neill, Pastor of Saint John the Evangelist Church, and The Little Brothers of The Good Shepherd, Saint Johns was created as an outreach ministry to serve and assist the poor and homeless in the community. Saint John's continues to provide crucial, life-sustaining services with dignity, respect and compassion to homeless men in Philadelphia. Saint John's Hospice is an independent 501c3 agency associated with the charitable work of Catholic Social Services.

Programs: Residence with 40 bed residential facility for men and a 12 bed residential facility for medically fragile men in St. John's Hospice & Good Shepherd programs; Case management, medical and counseling for all residents and day service guests; Mail Room for over 900 homeless men; 160 showers with clean clothing, underwear & shoes every week; Over 3,000 meals each week to homeless & needy men; Emergency bed overnight shelter for 28 homeless men where they can receive a meal & bed every night.

Donate: Monetary donations: [//saintjohnshospice.org/](https://saintjohnshospice.org/)Contact information 1221 Race St. Philadelphia, PA 19107 adicesare@chs-adphila.org

Men's Study Group

We will meet for one hour on the **second and fourth Wednesday of the month in Drexel hall at 7 PM.**

For more information contact Michael McGeough at mmcgeough64@gmail.com

Keep in touch! Sign up for email updates



May God continue to bless you and your family with health, happiness, and peace in 2024.

Father Gill, Father Artman, Father Welsh,
Monsignor Savinski and Father Bochanski
Deacon Jesus and Deacon Epi

PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE

New Parishioners

Welcome to the Cathedral Parish!

The easiest way to register can be accomplished by speaking with one of the parish priests after any regularly scheduled Mass. If preferred, you can also contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment to meet with a priest for parish registration.

Parishioners

If you have new contact information, new members in your household, or someone in your household has received a sacrament, please contact the Parish Office so that our records can be updated. **If you have not been receiving your weekly offering envelopes**, again, please contact the Parish Office to insure that your address is registered correctly. If you are planning on moving away please let us know.

Parish Office phone number is 215-561-1313, or email us at info@cathedralphila.org

SEND YOUR PRAYER INTENTIONS TO:
prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE PREVIOUS BULLETIN](#)

DISABILITIES & AUTISM HELP-LINE

Do you need help accessing services and support for someone with an intellectual disability or autism?

The CSS Developmental Programs **Help-Line** is available to answer your questions **484-472-5041**

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