

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
August 23, 2009**

*“Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”*

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**Catholic Community of St. John Neumann  
1998-1999**

**FOUNDED** on the teachings of Jesus Christ,  
**NOURISHED** by the hospitality of the Califon Christian  
 Communities,  
**FORMED** with a commitment to Social Ministry, and,  
**STRENGTHENED** by the Holy Spirit  
 The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann  
 is a jubilant people  
 on a continuing spiritual journey of hope:  
**TO CELEBRATE AND DEEPEN** our faith  
**TO SHARE** our unique gifts, talents and treasures  
**TO CHERISH** all life  
**TO LIVE** in openness, acceptance and love

**THE WEEK THAT IS**

**Sunday, August 23 – Back to School Giving Tree Ends**  
 No 12:15 p.m. Mass

**Monday, August 24 – St. Bartholomew**

**Tuesday, August 25 – St. Louis of France & St. Joseph  
Calasanz**

9:30 a.m. Quilting (Office Center)

**No Mass**

7:00 p.m. Connxions Meeting (Office Center)

**Wednesday, August 26 – Bl. Jacques Retouret**

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)

7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Office Center)

**Thursday, August 27 – Weekday**

7:00 p.m. Quilting (Office Center)

**Friday, August 28 – Weekday**

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)

5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)

**Saturday, August 29**

**Sunday, August 30 – Twenty-Second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

No 12:15 p.m. Mass

**MASS SCHEDULE  
August 29 & 30**

**\*\* No 12:15 p.m. Mass \*\***

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Celebrant .....	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector .....	C. Drzewiecki
Altar Servers .....	Geerinck-Torczonek Family
Ministers of the Eucharist .....	L. Garcia, B. Garcia, D. Kelemen, M. MacKenzie, D. Lance
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
Celebrant .....	Fr. Šimo
Lector .....	R. Ditzel
Altar Servers .....	Mastro Family
Ministers of the Eucharist .....	S. Janks, R. Pojedinec, S. Pojedinec
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
Celebrant .....	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector .....	G. Porto
Altar Servers .....	DeStefano Family
Ministers of the Eucharist .....	B. Martalus, R. Martalus, A. Giametta, D. Wickel, L. Mergen

**PAVING OUR YELLOW BRICK ROAD**

***Next Weekend***

Next weekend is the first weekend of September and the weekend for our collection to help meet our mortgage payment. Each month we get closer to 2013 when we will make our last payment on this 10 year mortgage. We have less than \$300,000.00 left. We have kept up with the projection that we made at the time of the building of the Parish Office Building and the purchase of the Neumann Residence. Thanks to all who have remained faithful to this commitment. What we don't get in the collection we make up for with our fundraising activities. Remember this when you participate in fundraising activities.

**WELCOME FATHER ŠIMO**

Father has returned for a month long visit. He comes to us after three youth camps this summer. We need sympathy for the dear man. He is getting older now. He isn't as young as when he first came almost 10 years ago. So he is exhausted. I am sure that we will offer him a place to rest and relax before he has to start a new academic year. Welcome him and make room for him. He needs our love and support.

# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

## THE CHOICE



“What a hard saying! How can we accept it?” murmured Jesus’ disciples. He insisted his word was Spirit and life, yet many could not see their way to follow him. That was their free choice. The great mystery for Christ and his bride, the church, is that we believe in him as he dies to give us real life—a share in divine life opened to us in baptism. We are his body: its living parts. Like Peter and the rest, we have no other place to go for eternal life. How do we choose?

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### † REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS †

Irene Adams	Katelynn Fortenbacher	Erica Morgan
Eleanor Angelina	Helen Galligan	Natalie O'Hearn
Joe Angelina	Theresa Galvano	Robert Olivetti
Pat Arat	Frank Gargiulo	Gloria Omstead
Antonia Baasten	Maria Gargiulo	Rolv Omstead
Kate Bachman	Frank Ghiselli	Floyd Opdyke
Richard Baker	Jayne Giese	Daisy Ort
John Ballard	Alice Giordano	Bill O'Toole
Peter Barbieri	Margaret Gilzow	Nilsa Perez-Parsons
Agnes Barhart	Jerry Goski	John Pfeufer
Alice Beardsmore	Sophia Goski	Steve Plume
Carol Becker	Robert Govett	Irma Price
Mary Anna Bennett	Rose Gradone	John & Nicole Ramsden
Jean Blewitt	Angela Grieco	Albert Rayburn
Mary Bock	Christina Grillo	Ed Reinagel
Eugene Brzezienski	Colleen Hendzrak	Jerry Reslmaier
Shirley Bumen	Anita Horan	Alissa Marie Ricciardi
James Burns	Richard Hughes	Pat Roach
John Burns	Brittney Ianitto	Raymond Rogers
Eileen Cafilin	Jeannine Imperiale	Julie Ruby
Angie Caponetti	Ernest Jandersit	John Sawczuk
Barbara Carbonneau	Robert Jandersit	Maria Sawczuk
Joseph Carpentiere	Nona Janks	Ed Scharf
John Caspar	Diana Janowski	Chris Seltzer
Jose Castro	Bob Jenkinson	Abe Shalaby
Lou Citarelli	Harry Kaemmerer	Paul Shubeck
Riley Clark	John Kaemmerer	Sister Mary George
Lorraine Cochrane	Trudy Kaemmerer	Marianne Sivori
Gerard Cook	Garrison Keillor	Carol Smarsh
Jon Cord	Rosemary Kimbal	Colleen Smith
Valerie Cordero	Mary Kirchner	Joseph Sterphone
Kristine Orvos Cresti	Spencer Kydd	Felicia Steward
Natalia Cresti	Alex Lacy	Marla Stivers
Dalton Cummins	Michael Lamotte	William Stortz
Joseph D'Achino	Harry Larson	Timothy Struble
Sr. Ann Damian	John Lauler	Evelyn Sulenski
Maria Elena Dawson	Kevin Leahy	Mary Sulenski
Peter Demchur	Holly Lear	Julie Suplee
Dorothy Deo	David Leibowitz	Tracey Sutch
Nick DeVincenzo	Jewel LeVine	Margaret Sweeney
Anthony DeVito	Michele Makos	John Toolan
Mary DiGiovanni	Taylor Maleski	Brendan Treanor
Mary Ditzel	Silas Mastro	Rose Uricchio
Ann Dodwell	Tom Martin	Robert Villani
Betty Doyle	Judy Martino	Dayelle Watts
Paul DuPre	Marie Mazzoni	James Emory Weber, Sr.
Richard Dziepak	Susan McHugh	Harvey Whille
Lou Eacovalle	Patrick McKenna	John William
Courtney Ellis	Brett Melwon	Gloria Wood
Hannah Farrington	George Meyer	Elizabeth Wodrich
Mary Feo	George Milke	Lynn Yondolino
Akiea Finn	Betsey Miller	John J. Zelesny
Anthony Fiorillo	Michael Milto	Eileen Zocchi
Ann Flemming	Nina Montouri	Michael Zocchi
Ryan Flynn		Lucille Zmuda

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, August 25**

7:00 p.m. No Mass

**Wednesday, August 26**

9:30 a.m. Elizabeth Doyle req. Vigilante Family

**Friday, August 28**

7:00 a.m. Anna Kalafut req. Ron & Shirley Pojedinec

**Saturday, August 29**

5:30 p.m. Bruce Kennedy req. Marth & Dick McCall

**Sunday, August 30**

8:00 a.m. Linnea Janks req. Doerr/ Roupenian Families

10:30 a.m. Theresa Kovacs req. Bernadette & Matt Andrejco

## PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

**Sunday, August 23**

5:00 p.m. Dinner (Away)

**Monday, August 24**

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**Tuesday, August 25**

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No Mass

**Wednesday, August 26**

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)  
Confirmation Interviews (Office Center)

**Thursday, August 27**

Appointment (Away)

**Friday, August 28**

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)  
Confirmation Interviews (Office Center)

**Saturday, August 29**

Confirmation Interviews (Office Center)

**Sunday, August 30**

12:30 p.m. Lunch (Away)

### REMEMBERED AT MASS

We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer:



**Ellen Doran – Bertrand Lynn Compton – Joseph Darginio – Julienna O' Farrell – Marion Sierchio – Kit Loeffler – Msgr. Michael Allegro**

**Deceased: Kit Loeffler**, friend of Vince and Judy Santoro; **Msgr. Michael Allegro**, rector of the Cathedral. May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord and may their families find strength in the Lord and comfort and support from family and friends.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

### BACK TO SQUARE ONE

As Faithful Citizens we might ponder the following and encourage our elected representatives to consider their answers to the questions below. For many it could mean they need to go back to "square one" in carrying out their legislative responsibilities.

Going forward, shouldn't sufficient time be provided to afford representatives the opportunity to not only read every bill but consider the long term ramifications of it prior to voting on it?

Shouldn't proposed legislation be evaluated in Constitutional terms of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all?

If representatives are really interested in reducing costs, could they work more diligently for tax and tort reform which will allow monies to flow back into the system reducing waste and promoting growth? This would include Medicare and Medicaid waste and fraud.

Since we moved from a non-profit community based health care system years ago to a for-profit illness centered business system, can the government do more to promote research and services surrounding wellness and preventative medicine?

Couldn't the government demonstrate that they can create a good system of health care by providing for our Veterans and Native Americans with at least the same level of health care as most other Americans enjoy? - Most people don't realize that many Native Americans do not have clean drinking water and sanitary systems let alone good health services. According to the Bureau of Indian Affairs - 1 billion dollars was earmarked in July to help provide drinking water. When it comes to health care, the saying on many of the reservations is "Don't get sick after June when the Federal money runs out each year! We accepted this responsibility in written treaties dated on or about 1867 with words similar to: *"The United States hereby agree to furnish annually to the Indians the physicians, teachers, carpenters, millers, engineers, farmers, and blacksmiths, as herein contemplated, and that such appropriations shall be made from time to time, on the estimates of the Secretary of the Interior, as will be sufficient to employ such persons."*

Why get involved?

Pope Benedict XXVI's recently released Encyclical *Caritas In Veritate* reminds us charity is at the heart of the Church's social doctrine and that charity, according to the teaching of Jesus, is the "synthesis of the entire law." "It gives real substance to the personal relationship with God and with neighbor; it is the principle not only of micro-relationship (friends, family and small groups) but also of macro-relationships (social, economic and political)." The Pope goes on to say that he is "aware of the ways in which charity has been and continues to be misconstrued and emptied of meaning, with the consequent risk of being misinterpreted, detached from ethical living and in any event, undervalued. In the social, juridical, cultural, political and economic fields – the contexts, in other words, that are most exposed to this danger – it is easily dismissed as irrelevant for interpreting and giving direction to moral responsibility."

He reminds us that "charity is filled with truth and truth unites our minds in love." The Pope points out that an important consideration that grows out of truth and charity is the common good – that is society. We are called to

promote and work toward it because it is a requirement of justice and charity. We are called to take an active part in the institutions that give structure to the life of society, juridically, civilly, politically and culturally. This has come to be known as Faithful Citizenship and it is why each of us needs to lend our well formed conscience to the process of government. Want to know more? Check out Faithful Citizenship at <http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org>.

### GOOD NEWS HOME FOR WOMEN

#### ***Harvest Festival and Craft Fair on September 19, 2009***

The Good News Home for Women will hold its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual harvest Festival and Craft Fair on September 19, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on its spacious grounds located at 33 Bartles Corner Road in Flemington, New Jersey. The fair is being held to promote community awareness about the facility and raise desperately needed funding while providing a fun and enjoyable day for all to partake in.

The Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office will be on site to make children's IDs through their Child Ident-A-Kind program. There will be pony rides, carnival type games, puppet shows and face painting. Teenagers and adults can happily try to hit the ball on the dunk tank to make a big splash.

**For more information or to rent a vendor table please contact Robin Jackson at 908-806-7913, ext. 26.**

### BACK TO SCHOOL GIVING TREE

All Back to School Gift Cards are due this weekend. Please drop them in the Social Ministry wooden Drop Box next to the Social Ministry station in the narthex. If you forgot please get them in by Tuesday as we need to get them out as soon as possible. Thank you for your support of this effort.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Anyone who wishes to donate to the work of Habitat for Humanity can do so using the donation "House Box" at the Social Ministry station in the Narthex. All donations go to Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity.

**For those who would like to volunteer to work on a house, they are starting construction of a home in Bridgewater. Call 908-704-0016 – website [www.rvhabitat.org](http://www.rvhabitat.org)**

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# CONN~~X~~IONS

## CONN~~X~~IONS MINISTRY

Relationships are an integral part of who we are as a family, parish and Church. Our relationships with each other and with Jesus all begin with a connection. It is with that understanding that our pastoral council, members of our evangelization team, **Earl Roberts** and **Fr. Bill** have rededicated our evangelization efforts through a newly titled ministry.

Our evangelization ministry will now be known as our **Connxions Ministry**. We were motivated by two observations. First the word evangelization, while accurately describing the action of the work within the Church, has too many negative connotations in today's society, which turn away parishioners who misunderstand the work at hand. Secondly, the change in name allows us to focus on the all important fundamental prerequisite of all relationships, that of making a connection, a process that we will encourage in all parish activity going forward. Several new initiatives including some by other groups in the parish will help us with this work.

Past members of the pastoral council have been asked to work in the reconstitution of this ministry for the next year and we hope that some will take up this challenge. Others have joined as well and we will be encouraging still others to work in new initiatives such as our hospitality team. We'll have more about that in a few weeks when **Pam Dean** will speak to the formation of that group and invite you all to our first "Vitality Coffee."

We are made whole and grow in mind, body and spirit through our relationships. We should not miss an opportunity to make a connection, we can begin today by stopping and introducing ourselves to someone we do not know as we leave Mass.

## RETURNING TO THE CHURCH?

If you or someone that you know is returning to the Church after a long absence, please call Earl Roberts at 832-2262. Let us welcome you/them back and provide a copy of a "Handbook for Today's Catholic" to help you grow in faith.

## CATHOLIC INQUIRY

**Catholic Inquiry** is the first phase of the journey to initiation for adults. It is a time for informally sharing our stories and helping one another discern where God is leading. It's a time to get acquainted with Catholics and our Church. **If you are thinking about becoming Catholic**, you are invited to journey with members of St. John's Initiation Team on the rewarding and enriching path to becoming a Catholic Christian. **The details and duration of this faith journey vary according to each individual's starting point.**

## YOUR PRAYERS

Please support all parish ministries as a spiritual partner by remembering us each day in your prayers using your own prayers or the Bible. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be with all of us who are actively involved in our community ministries.

## MILITARY PERSONNEL

If you have someone in the military that you would like us to remember in our prayers, call the **Office Center, 832-2513**, or drop the name into the collection basket. Please remember the following in your prayers:

*Lt. Col. Blewitt, Joseph, U.S. Air Force*  
*Capt. Bohanan, Luke P., U.S. Army*  
*Sgt. Brisson, Mark D., USMC*  
*IT2 Combel, Tracey, U.S. Navy*  
*Lance Corp., Coe, Kevin, USMC*  
*Lt. Colonel Campbell, Vincent, USMC*  
*CPL Connaughton, Michael, USMC*  
*AMN Connaughton, Christopher, U.S. Air Force*  
*AMN Connaughton, Monica, U.S. Air Force*  
*RP2 Ditzel, Joseph, U.S. Navy*  
*LCPL Dombrowski, David, USMC*  
*Capt. Gutowski, Charles M., U.S. Army*  
*2Lt. Gutowski, Jared, E., USMC*  
*CW5, Ferguson, Michael, U.S. Army*  
*Lt. Friedman, Lee E., U.S. Navy*  
*Hafke, Michael, National Guard*  
*Airman First Class Heimall, Benjamin, U.S. Air Force*  
*CMDR Hopkins, John A., U.S. Navy*  
*CPL Howard, Jeffrey, U.S. Army*  
*GM3 Hurler, Shane*  
*SSgt. Jirouschek, Thomas, U.S. Air Force*  
*PFC Jones, Joshua, USMC*  
*AO2 Jones, Lee M. Jr.*  
*MC2 Juday, Gregory, U.S. Navy*  
*Lt. JG Kellogg, Kenyon, U.S. Navy Pilot*  
*CPL. Krause, James E., USMC*  
*SFC Lamberton, Brian, U.S. Army*  
*Capt. Larsen, Christopher M. U.S. Army*  
*RP3 Brown, Leighton M., U.S. Navy*  
*ET2 Linzmeyer, Travis, U.S. Navy*  
*Chaplain (LT) Logan, Eddy, U.S. Navy*  
*SGT Ludwig, Konrad, U.S. Army*  
*Maj. McVicker, Andrew, U.S. Air Force*  
*HN Meyer, Pamela A, U.S. Navy*  
*Novello, Chris, U.S. Army, Green Beret*  
*Maj. Martin, John, USMC*  
*ATI Mastro II, Michael R., U.S. Navy*  
*Capt. David Omstead, USA*  
*Capt. Barbara Omstead, USA*  
*SPC Osburn, Jared, U.S. Army*  
*Maj. Pidgeon, Paul, U.S. Army*  
*PC2 Quinn, Lisa, U.S. Navy*  
*1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Rautenberg, Erik, Army National Guard*  
*2nd Lt. Sekula, Daniel R. Army National Guard*  
*Commander Simila, Edward A. U.S. Navy*  
*Lt. Slack, Terry, USMC*  
*Staff Sgt. Sowa, Paul, USMC*  
*Sgt. Vasquez, Armando, U.S. Army*  
*Airman Basic Vigilante, William, U.S. Air Force*  
*Captain Wade, Dominic, U.S. Army*  
*Captain Warkentin, William J., USMC*  
*Airman Basic Wiedmann, Alex J., U.S. Air Force*

## MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT

You are not alone in your experiences of dealing with a loved one who is on military deployment. Several families in St. John's community have lived with the emotional roller coaster and are here for you should you wish. **Contact Marian and Russ Ditzel (638-4640), Mary and Mike Mastro (537-6224), or Catherine McVicker (303-0907) at any time.**

## ADULT FORMATION

### PONDERING PAUSES

*from PRACTICING CATHOLIC  
by James Carroll pp. 8-9*

In truth, however, that transformation has had profoundly negative aspects. For Catholics of my generation, there was a particular epiphany attached to the clergy sexual-abuse scandal that came to light in the first five years of the new millennium. In the chronology traced here, that tragic story must inform the climatic period, for it was then that the Catholic laity had no choice but to face the harsh reality of our Church's situation. Although a small minority of sexually exploitative priests had actually betrayed the young people in their care, almost the entire rank of bishops, from the pope down, had moved with alacrity to protect the abusive priests instead of the children. In the name of "avoiding scandal," the crimes of the exploiters were covered up. These priests were typically given a new assignment, which meant they could repeat their assaults. Psychologically disturbed men were enabled by their bishops to become serial rapists of boys and girls. Their offenses were perverse and far more extensive than anyone imagined. But what the bishops did in response revealed a systemic corruption, an indictment of the whole clerical culture.

Rather than deal with that dysfunction, and with inevitable questions about the place and power of the laity, mandatory celibacy, and the priesthood's male exclusivity, the bishops engaged in denial, putting their own power ahead of the welfare of the Church's most vulnerable members. By "scandal," it became clear, the bishops meant anything that might undermine their authoritarian control. With that, the Catholic people saw what had happened to the Church we loved. The magisterium of the Church, from its unmagisterial margin, was seen to exercise a sham authority, with little real influence over the inner and outer lives of the faithful, who had been forced in all of this to claim a new kind of Catholic identity. That new identity is my subject.

I say new identity, but actually the Catholic people have long affirmed their faith in ways that maintain a certain independence from the authority structure of the Church. Often, indeed, the Church is discussed as if its clerical aspect were all there is. But that is not, and never was, the half of it. There are more than a billion Catholics around the world, and we are far from slavish - or even uniform - in the way we express our beliefs. Yet in the basic creed to which - rich and poor, north and south, high-tech savvy and illiterate - we devote

ourselves, can we all be wrong? The very size of the Catholic Church is perhaps its anchor in history, the reason both to take it seriously and to understand it as involving far more than a relatively small clerical establishment. As councils and popes vied with one another for supremacy, and as theologians and philosophers debated fine points of the triune "persons" of the Godhead or the two "natures" of Jesus Christ, ordinary Christians kept the substance of Jesus Christ's meaning at the center of practice, the Gospel narratives paramount, the rise of initiation into his death and resurrection as the basic symbol, with regular gatherings to remember him at Mass as the main note of communal identity. And always Catholics understood what every ethic had to be measured against: the Lord's central command to love each other and the stranger, his radical option in favor of the powerless over princes.

(to be continued)

## SACRAMENT PREPARATION

### CONFIRMATION PRAYER SPONSOR TREE

The 2009 Confirmandi will be confirmed on Sunday October 18 at 12:15 p.m. We are inviting the community of St. John's to participate in their Confirmation Prayer Sponsor Tree. Parishioners are asked to take home a picture of a candidate from the Sponsor Tree, sign your name next to the candidate's name on the log in the Narthex, pray for your candidate and write a letter of support that will be given to your candidate during their Crossroads Retreat. Letters should be returned by **September 11** to the basket provided by the tree or to the office center. Please support these candidates and their families with your prayers.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

*Friday, September 18, 7:15 p.m., Church Center*

Infant baptism preparation is an outreach of support to new parents by the St. John's Baptism Team on behalf of our community. Following an initial pastoral visit at the parish office with either the Pastoral Assistant for Evangelization and Social Ministry or the Coordinator of the Baptism Preparation Team to start the process, parents attend one preparation session, which is offered quarterly. Baptism Host Couples from St. John's Baptism Team facilitate the program and assist on the day of Baptism as well. All St. John's Baptisms are celebrated at a regular weekend Mass, except in special circumstances. The Community is present to welcome the child into the church and to pledge their support to the new parents as they raise their child in the faith we share. Parents are expected to be registered active members of The Community of St. John Neumann. At least one Godparent needs to be a practicing Catholic. The next scheduled Baptism Prep Program is **Friday – September 18 at 7:15 p.m. The deadline for signing up to attend this program is Friday – September 11. For more information or to begin the process please call the parish office center at 832-2513 or use the online form from the parish website – [www.ccsjn.org](http://www.ccsjn.org).**

## CATECHESIS

**“THE WORD OF GOD in the life and mission of the Church”**

### Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Focus:** Presented with a choice – to choose life or not. “You have the words of everlasting life.”

**Scripture:** Simon Peter answered Jesus, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

John 6: 60-69

**Reflection:** What do you do when you have to make a choice? Where do you turn for help in making choices?

**Song:** “Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?” #348

**Story:** ‘God, remember your job...!’

In October 1962, the United States was on the verge of nuclear war with Russia over the Soviet Union’s installation of missiles in Cuba. It was a time of great tension and fear.

Listening to the news, one mother and father could not hide their anxiety from their children. That night they put their four-year-old to bed. He said his prayers — all the “God blesses” of aunts and uncles and cousins and animals. Then, the boy stopped in the middle of his prayers and said, “And God, remember to be the Lord.”

His mom thought, “I don’t have to teach this child anything. He’s got it all.”

[Madeleine L’Engle.]

*The little boy possesses the hope and conviction of every faithful disciple: that God is the ultimate source of everything that is good and that that good will, eventually, rise up over evil and sin and death. Despite our own doubts, fears and misgivings, we know in our hearts that the words of Jesus will triumph. We mourn God’s absence in times of pain, change and despair, but we trust that God can be rediscovered in the acts of love, generosity, support and healing we extend to others and others extend to us. Peter’s simple, plaintive answer is the confession of faith that God is not present in the darkness of evil but in the light of goodness that seeks to shatter that darkness.*

Connections, August 2009

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Watch your mail for Religious Education class assignments and info. IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED YET, DO SO NOW! Do not let financial difficulties stop you from registering. Just add a note to your registration form explaining the situation.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS

We have catechists for all Sunday morning classes (9:00 – 10:15 a.m.), but we still need **catechist’s assistants** for grades 2, 3, 4, 5 and Kindergarten. We also need **2 catechists** willing to share the teaching responsibility for a Junior High 8<sup>th</sup> grade boy’s class and 3 assistant Junior High catechists for the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Junior High classes meet twice a month on Sunday evenings. **For more information contact Rose Fay at 832-2162 or [rosefay@ccsjn.org](mailto:rosefay@ccsjn.org).**

## CATECHIST MEETINGS

Catechist meetings will be held in the Drexel Room at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates: The Junior High catechists will meet on Tuesday, September 1; the Sunday morning catechists will meet on Wednesday, September 2; and the Saturday catechists will meet on Wednesday, September 9.

## PARISH NEWS

### ICON OF THE WEEK

#### *Saint Rose of Lima*



Surrounding the center icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Icon Devotion Room are icons of the saints of the Americas. One of those saints is Rose of Lima, Peru (1586-1617). She is the first canonized saint of the Americas and patron of South American and the Philippines. Reputed to have extraordinary mystical gifts, Rose modeled her life after St. Catherine Siena, living a life of a recluse and adopting extreme practices of mortification and penance. She joined the Third Order of St. Dominic at the age of 20. Her feast day is August 23.

## BELL CHOIR SEEKING MEMBERS

If you are interested in joining the St. John's Bell Choir, please email Jaki Fesq at [jakifesq@gmail.com](mailto:jakifesq@gmail.com). Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Center. We practice every other Wednesday evening and we will be learning music to play at the 7:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve.

## CONGRATULTIONS ST. ANN'S 150<sup>TH</sup>

This past year St. Ann's in Hampton has been celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> year of its foundation. As you may know, St. Ann's is our mother parish. I was sent to Hampton in 1982 as pastor with the mission to establish the parish of St. John Neumann which was canonically erected as a parish on October 22, 1982. I was the 29<sup>th</sup> pastor. While I was pastor we celebrated the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. So it figures that as we celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> they would celebrate their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The celebration was truly grand. The music by a schola of men, with musical accompaniment was truly fitting and superb. The new altar that was consecrated is magnificent. The Bishop was at his best, the people glowing with pride. Father Michael Suharic, the present pastor and 33<sup>rd</sup>, has done a great job in restoring the church, fixing up the cemetery and grounds of the parish. He did research about the first pastor, Father Claude Rolland who came from France and returned there. Fr. Mike found the place of his burial, church of his baptism and even a great-great-niece who still lives there. She and her husband were at the celebration.

The celebration continued at the Grand Colonial and was a great evening with dinner and dancing. He had a great committee who did a grand job. I will leave the anniversary booklet in the Narthex for all to see. I was so happy and pleased to be present for this celebration.

We extend to our Mother Parish, Father Suharic and the members of St. Ann's the congratulations that befits a daughter parish. We are one of the many churches that have been established and initially ministered to down through the ages. May they enjoy many more years of spreading and living the Word of God.

### THANKS

To **Doctor Chris Viggiano** and his friend, **Dan Flaherty** who brought hanging plants for the Office building and two others that were placed by the church.

To **Anne Germino** for arranging the flowers at Mary's statue last week from the ones that our First Communicants planted at their retreat in April.

### CHAIRPERSONS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to chair the following:

Craft Show – November 7  
Auction – Wild Weekend of Winning 2010

Please call the office if you can assist.

### ICON ROOM OF DEVOTION

The icons have been hung in the greenhouse and is open for devotion. We still have to add chairs and kneelers and hopefully candles in the near future.

During the day you can enter by the path that leads up to the garden between the kitchen and the Eucharistic Chapel. The garden is enclosed with a white fence and a gate that swings open. In Church you can enter from the alcove by the kitchen and Eucharistic Chapel. We are having a gate made so that you can enter into the Eucharistic Chapel for prayer when the church is locked. At the moment the Neumann Residence Chapel is always open for prayer.

We have also placed two icons in the lofts of the church. The front loft has been dedicated to **St. Frances Cabrini** and will henceforth be called the Cabrini Loft. The back loft is dedicated to **Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha** and will be known as the Kateri Loft.

During the summer months we will write about each icon.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

*Wednesday July 15, 2009*

- The council viewed the welcoming video that is given to new parishioners.
- The census of the parish was discussed along with the need to retain parishioners.
- The Stewardship Committee is making plans for a parish directory. Photographers will be scheduled for sometime this fall.
- **Fr. Bill** introduced excerpts from The Virus of the Mind by Richard Brodie.
- **Bill Harrison** gave an update on the Evangelization Sub Committee. The name of the ministry has been changed to the Connections Ministry.
- The Council discussed possible projects that the parish can do to help St. Mary's Parish in Coeburn Va.

### LOST PAGER

A parishioner believes she lost her pager in the Church Center parking lot. **If anyone finds it please call Patty Weiss at 537-0743.**

## FUND RAISING

### ST. JOHN'S WINE BEER FOOD GALA

*Friday, October 23, 7:00 p.m., Church Center*

We need a few chairpeople for the Beer, Wine and Food Tasting to be held on Friday, October 23, 2009. Please consider chairing the Kitchen, Silent Auction portion or Publicity for the Tasting. Speaking of the Silent Auction...we have two tickets to a NJ Devil's game (and not just any seats....**CLUB SEATS!!**) and Two tickets to a Rutgers Scarlet Knight's Football Game ...this is just the beginning! This evening will not be a **SUCCESS** without help from the parishioners of St. John's. So..mark your calendars, give us a call and get in on the **FUN!! Call Marybeth Harrison 908-310-7237 or Sandra Aaron 908-507-2378.**

### ATTENTION----ALL ST. JOHN GOLFERS (BOTH MEN & WOMEN)

*Saturday, September, 26*

Reserve the date on your calendar for the upcoming St. John's annual Golf Outing. We had a great turnout of 37 people last year that included men & women golfers. A great lunch will be provided. More details to follow including golfing fee, sponsor opportunities, and hole-in-one prize. Email Bob Martalus at [bob\\_martalus@dalecarnegie.com](mailto:bob_martalus@dalecarnegie.com) to sign up.

Event Coordinator: **Bob Martalus---908-439-3970**

Date: Saturday---September 26

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: Minebrook Golf Club, Hackettstown, NJ

## USE [WWW.GOODSEARCH.COM](http://WWW.GOODSEARCH.COM) AND EARN ST. JOHN'S MONEY!

Do you use the internet? How many times a week, no make that a day, do you find your self searching a topic on the internet? Did you know just by searching for your favorite muffin recipe that you could be earning St. John's money? It's true. [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) is the philanthropic arm of the search engine yahoo. Each time you do a search using goodsearch, St. John's will get ½ cent. It's so simple! Don't worry, goodsearch does not sell or use your information. You won't get any emails or spam – I've (Sharon Lohrmann) been using it for over a year. It's just like using Yahoo or Google or MSN. Except goodsearch earns us money! It couldn't be easier, here is how it works:

1. Go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) (better yet make this your home page).
2. Under 'who do you search for' find and click on St. John Neumann.

Finally enter your search topic and click enter

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## THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST

GENESIS (continued)

One of the combative parts of my personality, which I indeed inherited from both sides of my family, would seem to be counterproductive to a vocation. I grew up with a poor self image but a strong sense of justice. I was shy and lost in a crowd unless there was an absurdity or an injustice. I have three recollections to share which I think, paradoxically, became assets to my years as a priest.

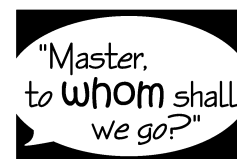
When I was first trained as an altar boy, by the nuns, we learned the Latin for Mass. I imagine we learned it correctly. However, Father O'Keefe, the pastor, said Mass in fifteen minutes or less on a weekday. He didn't give you a chance to finish the words and so you soon learned to drop them or race through them. And then in 1948 an new priest, Father John Sullivan, came to the parish as his assistant. He was newly ordained and a stickler for doing things correctly. We had to learn our Latin all over again. By this time I was in the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Sister Joanna had the job of re-teaching us the Latin. This had to be done after school. I used public transportation and knew the bus schedule. I also had a newspaper route, delivering the Perth Amboy Evening News. When I knew that I had to get home to deliver my newspapers I raised my hand. She ignored me. I am sure I had great difficulty in doing what I did. She was a nun, for Pete's sake. You didn't talk back or disobey a nun. But I am sure that I could hear my mother's voice telling me that if I thought it was the correct thing to do I should act upon it, even if it was a nun or priest. After awhile, when she did not recognize me, I stood up and began to

leave. Of course she asked me where I was going and I told her. I left to deliver my newspapers.

When I was a freshman in high school the upperclassmen had started to say the rosary during lunch time. The previous May there had been an explosion in South Amboy where ammunition had been stored during WWII. The St. Mary's church and school in South Amboy, where I went to High School, were damaged. We started school later than usual. The Church set up a chapel in the basement of the church called Guild Hall. I decided that I would go to say the rosary. Of course I was the only one from my home room that went. The rosary went longer than the bell and so I was late coming to class. Sister Laetitia was surprised and questioned my whereabouts. I just stood up to her and said I was with the upperclassmen saying the rosary. There was no questions after that. No one joined me however. It was really uncharacteristic of me and I am sure that if it wasn't about the rosary I would not have been so forward.

My other little act of difference was when I went to the seminary. You had to have a black or navy blue suit and a black tie. For some unknown reason I didn't think that they should demand such a dress code. We purchased a charcoal black suit and the thin tie (the fashion of 1954) had a small design in pink. My mother must have went along with my individuality because she had to pay for it.

I learned to be out spoken and assertive over the years but usually kept quiet and did not speak out. It was once a critique of my personality during the seminary as we were reviewed - that one reviewer thought that I would not speak out when I should. I see in these few examples seeds of what I have come to know about myself. I cannot stand for injustice, mistreatment or absurdity and still find myself speaking out especially when it is about others. I will sustain a lot about myself but will come out in defense of others. I guess that is also a sign of codependency - taking care of others. It is at times an asset in ministry or the stuff that directs one to helping professions. As I reread the above I realized that it took a lot to do the above things. I am sure that I had butterflies and was nervous afterwards but I pushed myself to do what I did because I believed it was the right thing to do. Of course sometime that gets me into trouble. I have learned to pick the occasions.



## DIOCESAN NEWS

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Please be advised that the Diocese of Metuchen has been made aware of a potential credit card scam.

The Diocese is not currently soliciting for the Bishop's Annual Appeal and is not requesting credit card information by phone. If you receive a telephone call requesting a donation via credit card for the Bishop's Annual Appeal, DO NOT give your personal information to the caller. Please report any such calls to your local police department and to the Diocese of Metuchen by contacting the Department of Stewardship & Development at 732-562-2431 or by emailing Father Sylvester Cronin at [scronin@diometuchen.org](mailto:scronin@diometuchen.org).

The 2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal does not begin until mid-September. During the campaign, an announcement will be made when the telephone phase will commence. Please be advised that accepting credit card information by phone has not been authorized for the annual appeal at this time.

### METUCHEN CURSILLO MOVEMENT

The Cursillo Organization of the Diocese of Metuchen, along with the support of Bishop Paul Bootkowski, will be holding the Metuchen Cursillo Weekends at The Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Washington, N.J. Bishop Bootkowski supports the Cursillo Movement and has also made a Cursillo Weekend. The Men's Weekend is scheduled for September 17, 18, 19, & 20, 2009; and the Women's Weekend is scheduled for November 5, 6, 7, & 8, 2009. Both Weekends begin on Thursday evening and end on Sunday afternoon. If you are interested in making a Cursillo Weekend, please note the following: To obtain an application, log onto our website at [www.metcursillo.org](http://www.metcursillo.org) then click onto ABOUT CURSILLO (upper left hand corner), next click onto DOWNLOAD (found in the drop down), then click onto Candidate Application. You may also contact Dr. Tony Tangorra, Lay Director, at 908-766-1900 or [drtangorra@yahoo.com](mailto:drtangorra@yahoo.com)

Registration must be completed as-soon-as-possible in order to make a reservation at The Blue Army Shrine and also that each Candidate is assigned a Sponsor. Space is limited so send your completed applications in as-soon-as-possible. Also, if there are any Cursillistas that would like to help or assist in any way, please contact me as noted above. The Cursillo Weekend are an "Encounter With Christ," and is done once like Baptism or Confirmation. It is not a retreat; rather, it is something much more. It will make you stronger in your faith and closer to Jesus.

De Colores,

Dr. Tony Tangorra

Lay Director, Metuchen Cursillo Movement

## RESPECT LIFE

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer." Pope John II, *The Gospel of Life*, n. 100..

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### CHILD CARE NEEDED

After school care needed for 2 children, ages 8 & 10, in my home, from 3.30 p.m. to approximately 5.00 p.m. M-F (and from 1.30 p.m. on early dismissal days). Drivers license preferred, but not required, however, must be able to be at my home each day by 3.30 p.m. (1.30 on early dismissal days). **If interested, please contact Maria at 908 231-4961 or 908-832-9887.**

### DRIVER NEEDED

A local individual needs someone to transport her mother to and from the Country Comfort Zone on Rt. 22 in Phillipsburg. They are able to pay a stipend for the help. **Please call Pat Rebel, 908-689-8129 for information.**

### CRAFT SHOW

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church at 105 Summer Road Three Bridges, NJ 08887 is having our First Annual Craft and Vendor Fair November 7, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and November 8, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We are inviting Crafters and Vendors to register for a table. **Anyone interested, please call 908-369-4376 for an application.**

### Readings for the Week of August 23, 2009

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69  
Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51  
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51  
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mk 6:17-29  
Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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*Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"  
Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe  
and are convinced that you are the Holy  
One of God." — Jn 6:67-69*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD



## WHEN TURNING ON THE ELECTRICITY

1. During the summer (and maybe indeed hereafter) when turning on electricity don't put everything on at once. So when cleaning or in need of light don't press FULL on the panel. (Use the panel inside the sound room to turn lights on. You will need a Master Key for that. Use the panel outside of the sacristy only for turning off the lights.)

2. Turn the air conditioning thermostat on at 10 minute intervals. There are 3 thermostats so it should take 20 minutes before they are all on. Don't put on what you don't need. So don't put on the Narthex unless you are there or use only one side of the worship space at a time. (You press the button on the left with the 2 red dots alongside of it. This is temporary occupied. If you need it cooler or warmer press the arrows by the temp., up or down.)

\*\*\* (When leaving remember to press "run program" above the red dotted button and turn all lights off. When leaving the building, there is a timer light on the right of the front doors if you need light in the PARKING LOT.)

3. Use only the lights needed. So if you are having music practice, only put on those lights under the Loft (3), not the whole church. The panel in the sound room gives you the selection that you need. So when opening the church use the Master Key so you can get into the sound room closet.

4. Don't leave lights burning. Shut off what is not needed. Even in the Office Center keep the hall lights off if you can see, as during the day, especially when the office doors are open.

5. Be aware that the Bridge Lights in the Church Center (under the walkway that connects the Cabrini and Kateri lofts) are enough to enable you to walk across the worship space. The switches are located on the outside left before you enter the worship space. There are two switches on the light plate. (Don't use the single switch above, that is for outside lights).

There is a similar set on the left of the EXIT door outside of the kitchen double doors. You can turn the lights on and off from these switches. The other switch is for the lights on the WALK WAY. If you use those please turn them off when you reach the Office Building. The switch is on the inside left of the office doors.

6. The dimmers for the Narthex need to be pushed down until they click, otherwise they are still on.

Please use the electricity wisely so that we can maximize our use for what we pay. Whenever we left lights on at home when I was growing up, my father would say, "Are we feeding the Applegate's?" Joe Applegate worked for JCP&L. Let's not cool or light up the whole Lower Valley. Thank you for your cooperation.



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# ACTION ALERT

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## Support Health Care Reform That Respects Life

Congress is working on three main health care reform bills—one in the House, two in the Senate.

**House:** On July 17, the Committees on Education and Labor and on Ways and Means favorably reported the America's Affordable Health Choices Act (H.R. 3200), while the Committee on Energy and Commerce continues its markup. During markup these committees rejected amendments to exclude mandated coverage for abortion.

**Senate:** On July 15, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee voted out its bill, the Affordable Health Choices Act (not yet numbered). During markup the committee rejected amendments to exclude federal funding or mandated coverage for abortion and to maintain current state laws limiting and regulating abortion. The Senate Finance Committee continues to work on a bill that it hopes will be able to secure bipartisan support.

On July 17, Bishop William Murphy, Chairman of the Bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, sent a letter to Congress saying: "The USCCB looks forward to working with you to reform health care successfully in a manner that offers accessible, affordable and quality health care that protects and respects the life and dignity of all people from conception until natural death." Abortion must not be included as part of a national health care benefit. "No health care reform plan should compel us or others to pay for the destruction of human life, whether through government funding or mandatory coverage of abortion." Bishop Murphy argued that any legislation should reflect longstanding policies "on abortion funding, mandates and conscience protections because they represent sound morality, wise policy and political reality." For the full text of Bishop Murphy's letter, see:

[nchla.org/datasource/idocuments/071709USCCBhealthcareltr.pdf](http://nchla.org/datasource/idocuments/071709USCCBhealthcareltr.pdf) . For a backgrounder on the legal "status quo" on abortion and conscience rights, see:  
[nchla.org/datasource/idocuments/fedabortionlawbackgrndr.pdf](http://nchla.org/datasource/idocuments/fedabortionlawbackgrndr.pdf) .

Underlining Bishop Murphy's concern, 19 House Democrats sent a letter on June 25 to Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), stating that "we cannot support any health care reform proposal unless it explicitly excludes abortion from the scope of any government-defined or subsidized health insurance plan." See: [nchla.org/datasource/idocuments/dem062509healthletter.pdf](http://nchla.org/datasource/idocuments/dem062509healthletter.pdf).

The House Energy and Commerce Committee and the Senate Finance Committee continue to mark up bills. Floor votes could occur before the August recess. Please contact your Representative and Senators!

**Action:** Contact Members through e-mail, phone calls or FAX letters. E-mails can be sent through NCHLA's Grassroots Action Center—please see: [nchla.org/action.asp](http://nchla.org/action.asp) . Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121, or call the local offices of your Representative and Senators. Full contact info can be found on Members' web sites at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) and [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov).

**Message:** "A fair and just health care reform bill must exclude mandated coverage for abortion, and uphold longstanding laws that restrict abortion funding and protect conscience rights."

**When:** Committees are now marking up bills. Votes could occur on House and Senate floor before the August recess. Thanks!

7/20/09

## REMINDERS

**Let Us Know** – In order to minister to our community at large, we need your assistance in letting us know who may be in need of help. Often those who are in need are either too entwined in their situation to contact us directly or to proud to ask for help. You can be the “angel of mercy” who helps by simply making us aware of an individual or family in need. Call Earl or Rita at the Office Center, send us an email or use the “Samaritan Tip” form on the parish website – <http://www.ccsjn.org/>



Emergency Shelter; Personal Crisis, Suicide Hotline; Abuse Reports; Support Groups; Animal Aid; Senior Assurance Calls; Locate a Food Pantry and more. Questions? See website <http://www.helplinehc.org/>

CALLERS WISHING TO REACH HELPLINE FOR ANY OF ITS SERVICES ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO REACH THE AGENCY BY DIALING 211. THEY NEED TO CALL 800-272-4360, 782-4357 OR 735-4357.

Haves 'n Needs  
Parish member? List either your Haves or your Needs on the parish website: [www.ccsjn.org](http://www.ccsjn.org)

New Eyes for the Needy  
Donate your old eyeglasses in the Narthex.

St. Jude's Ranch  
Donate you Campbell Soup labels in the Narthex. See parish website for list of items.

Sponsor Child  
Please remember Angel in your prayers, and drop your donation in the Jar at the Social Ministry Station. Don't forget to write!

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please complete ID Box and ✓ appropriate volunteer information section

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Chair/Co-chair Craft Show
- Chair/Co-chair Wild Weekend of Winning/Auction
- Help with Gala Food Fundraiser
- Children's Liturgy Committee
- Baptism Preparation Team
- Evangelization Team
- On-going Volunteer Opportunities

- Office Angels (5:00 – 8:00 p.m., one weeknight a month)
- Shop Rite & A&P Gift Card Sales (after weekend Masses)
- Church Center plant watering (approximately once a month)
- Church Center cleaning (Friday evening, once every 5 weeks)
- Bulletin transporter (Fridays, approximately once every 2 months)

Questions? Call Rita Price: 908-832-2513  
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## On-going Liturgical Opportunities

- Greeter/Hospitality
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- Altar Preparation
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