



**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**



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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm ♦ Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Weekday Masses: Monday – Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am, Thursday 7:00 pm, 1st Saturday of month 8:30 am

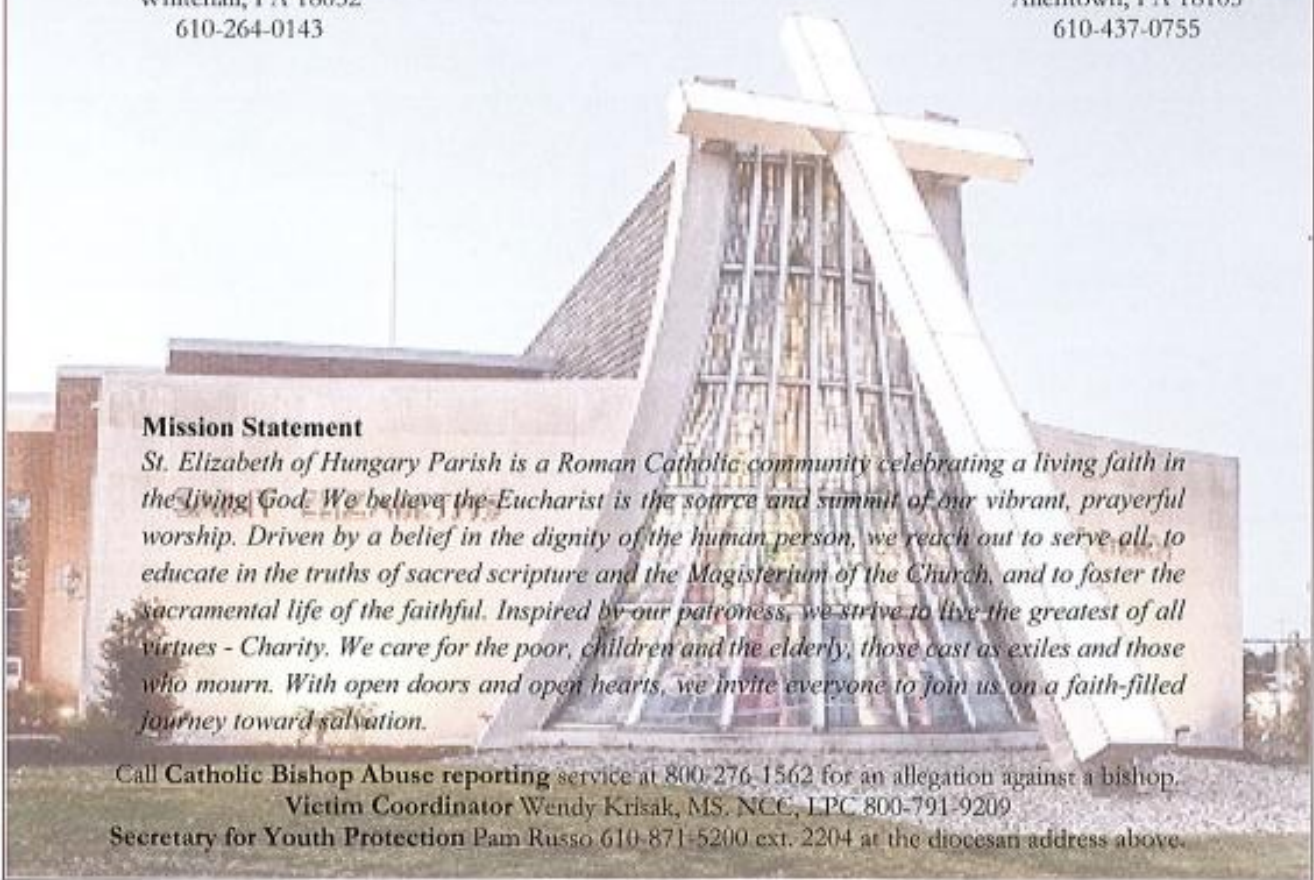
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Mission Statement

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish is a Roman Catholic community celebrating a living faith in the living God. We believe the Eucharist is the source and summit of our vibrant, prayerful worship. Driven by a belief in the dignity of the human person, we reach out to serve all, to educate in the truths of sacred scripture and the Magisterium of the Church, and to foster the sacramental life of the faithful. Inspired by our patroness, we strive to live the greatest of all virtues - Charity. We care for the poor, children and the elderly, those cast as exiles and those who mourn. With open doors and open hearts, we invite everyone to join us on a faith-filled journey toward salvation.

Call **Catholic Bishop Abuse reporting** service at 800-276-1562 for an allegation against a bishop.

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Secretary for Youth Protection Pam Russo 610-871-5200 ext. 2204 at the diocesan address above.



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WELCOME - WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE



Masses / Services for the Week

MONDAY	JANUARY 5	9:00 AM	Phil Applebaum
TUESDAY	JANUARY 6	9:00 AM	Sylvia Wilhelm
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 7	9:00 AM	Dolores & Greg Oswald
THURSDAY	JANUARY 8	7:00 PM	Richard & Teresa Tardiff
FRIDAY	JANUARY 9	9:00 AM	Greg Tardiff
SATURDAY	JANUARY 10	4:30 PM	John Signarovitz
SUNDAY	JANUARY 11	8:00 AM	Andrew Bailey (<i>Special Intention Blessing</i>)
		10:00 AM	People of the Parish Karl Schuster



If admitted to the hospital, please call the parish if you want an Anointing.

M. Kropf	B Hartzell	J Potylycki	J Flax	A Buchman
R Kromer	E Irons	W Shepard	J Kwiatkowski	A Gagge
D. Spieker	A Stahley	J Gnall	C Mack	Rev. Domin
M Koutsouros	R King	M Albarell	H Ainchayba	A Rosado
M. Boccardi	D Benner	D Ehrlacher	D Emery	C Wilber
G Edelman	A Baran	J Berger	A Xhaferi	Rev. Sobiesiak
				J Greczyn

* Please note that those suffering from life threatening illness listed above will remain; others are on the list for three months, you may call to be re-added as necessary

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS

While Holy Communion may be received by prepared Catholics, our non-Catholic friends are encouraged to receive a blessing during communion. Join the line, cross your arms over your chest as you approach the altar, and the celebrant or EOM will give you a blessing. Welcome and God Bless You.



MASS ATTENDANCE ON DECEMBER 27 - 28



Saturday 4:30 pm – 115
 Sunday 8:00 am – 157
 Sunday 10:00 am – 243

EMERGENCY?



Please call the hospital or nursing facility Chaplain if you or your loved one is a resident or patient and needs immediate attention. For an Anointing, please call and leave a message at the parish office for the next business day.

TO THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS AND SAFETY INFO



We welcome you to Mass each weekend. If you wish to receive Holy Communion and find it difficult to join the Communion line, let the Usher know and an Extraordinary Minister will bring communion to you. Low gluten hosts are available. Prior to Mass go to the sacristy and speak with the celebrant so the host can be prepared.

At Church: AED and First Aid kits are available in the School and Parish Hall; the Sacristy also has some supplies. **Exterior doors are locked after Mass begins however they are push to open at all times.**

Assisted Living Residents – please note that each parish is assigned a local area facility. While we would like to visit all our parishioners, if you are not at our assigned facility, Whitehall Manor, another parish may be coming to see you.



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PRAYING...AS DISCIPLES

SACRAMENTS
DEVOTIONS



MEMORIAL INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle burned this week for **Richard Sutton** requested by *Mary Ann Sutton*.

PRAYER, ADORATION AND ROSARY

Adoration is held one hour before every weekday Mass. We also say the rosary half an hour before Mass begins. Please join us. The main church is open daily from 10 am to 2 pm for private prayer.

OUR LADY OF KNOTS NOVENA

A small group of dedicated people stay after daily Mass on Tuesdays to pray a novena to Our Lady of Knots. Bring a rosary and join us.

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

Reconciliation is available before weekend Masses. Saturday 3:30 – 4:15, Sunday 7:15 – 7:45 am, 9:15 – 9:45 am and by appointment during weekdays.

OCIA TOPIC OF THE WEEK

for Tuesday, Jan 6th 7 pm – **Epiphany & Vocations**. Call 610-266-0695 ext. 208 for more information.

PARISH NEWS

Good news. Kuhnsman Roofing was able to place the temporary roof covering on the main church in time for the Christmas holiday. No leaks during Masses!

We received approval by the diocese to move forward with the renovations which we hope to accomplish in the Spring and Summer of 2026. More information will follow shortly.

It will be a remarkably busy time for our parish and school, but the repairs are needed if we are to keep the parish up to government code and looking nice.

WRITINGS FROM DEACON

The star shines in the night. The star signifies faith. It is in darkness that we often find ourselves. We know that the beasts prowl about in the night. As we walk in darkness, we find that we don't know what it is that we ought to do, what to pray for, what to speak as encouragement or to keep silent.

As long as night remains, we walk in faith and not by sight. Faith is the star that leads us in the night. Afterward will come the day. The true sun will rise and illuminate things hidden in darkness and reveal the thoughts of the heart. The brightness of the star will be hidden as there is no longer faith but true sight.

We await a blessed hope, not poor or perishable, not transitory but constant like God and in God. We eagerly await the coming of God in great glory.



SACRAMENTS

New to the parish? – Register as a new member to receive Sacraments.

BAPTISM: (Infant to Age 6)

Baptisms are currently being celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. Registered parish members may contact the parish office as soon as they learn that a child is on the way but should contact the parish office at least two months prior to the Baptism to register for the Baptism Class.

FIRST EUCHARIST/ PENANCE:

Normally received in 2nd grade. Parish member's enrollment in St. Elizabeth Regional School or Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P) is required for at least two years before sacrament is received.

CONFIRMATION:

Normally received in 8th grade. Parish member's enrollment in St. Elizabeth Regional School or Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P) is required for at least two years before sacrament is received.

MARRIAGE:

At least six months before your anticipated wedding. Contact the pastor for a meeting to go over information regarding scheduling and the preparation process.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:

Contact our parish office for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick prior to surgery or during serious illness. Holy Communion is brought to the homebound monthly.

FUNERAL:

For the passing of a Loved one please contact the funeral home of your choice. The funeral Director will contact the church to arrange a date and time for the service. Funerals are held on weekdays.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: (O.C.I.A.)

Is Jesus inviting you to join His Church? Do you want to become Catholic? Contact the parish office to learn more about this process. We look forward to journeying in Faith with you.



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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – HOUSE BLESSING

The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

The blessing of homes, on whose lintels are inscribed with blessed chalk the Cross of salvation, together with the indication of the year and the initials of the three wise men (20+C+M+B+26), Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar which can also be interpreted to mean Christus Mansionem Benedicat, (Christ Bless this House) written in blessed chalk. We will have house blessing packets available at all the exits of the church on the weekend of the Epiphany, Jan 6th. Packets will be available starting December 31st in the church.



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SURVIVING DIVORCE – THIS PROGRAM IS BACK!

Give yourself the gift of encouragement for the new year. Register for the Divorce Recovery class. Parish office second floor Large Meeting room. Mon, January 12, to Mon, March 16. Time: 6:15 – 7:15 pm For more information 505-688-8663 or jtzing@gmail.com



CLOTHING AND USED HOUSEHOLD ITEM COLLECTION MARCH 2026

Do you have clothing you haven't worn in ages? Have your kids outgrown their clothes? Do you plan on changing the design in your bathroom or kitchen and want to get rid of the old sheets or towels? Please save all your used donations for a grand collection in March 2026. More information to follow.



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



We welcome the following catechumen and candidates who have been studying and learning about the Catholic Faith through the OCIA process. They will enter the Rite of Sending & Election on Sunday, February 22. The Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion will be on Sunday, March 1 at the 10:00 am Mass. Our candidates look forward to receiving their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Please continue to pray for:

Michael Hertzog, Michael David Hertzog, Elizabeth Irons, Echo Kramlich, Michael Kramlich, Matthew Markulics, Bri Edlyse Morales, Nayiel Morales, Erika Richey, Brianna Roman Rosario, Rebecca Sabatine, Russel Storm.

SCRUMPTIOUS PARISH BREAKFAST!



We will serve our monthly Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, January 11 from 8:30 – 11:30 am! Come and fill-up on all your favorites of bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries/tater tots, pancakes, juice and coffee – all for \$10.00/adult, \$5.00 for children 11-16, and FREE for all children 10 and under. *Treat your favorite snow shoveler!*

We are very grateful for this month's sponsors: Mary Anne & Paul Maley and Marie Koutsouros. Breakfast Special provided by *Debbie Galgon* will include homemade pumpkin roll, mini cherry cheesecakes, Tandy-cakes and banana / apple cinnamon cupcakes.



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COLLEGE

Alvernia University
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Reading, PA 19607
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www.alvernia.edu

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Sacred Heart, Allentown
Fr. Remy Cole 610 – 776 - 4513

Lehigh Valley, Cedar Crest
Fr. Joseph Ganser 610-402-8465

**Lehigh Valley, 17th St. and
St. Luke's, Allentown**
Cathedral 610 – 433 - 6461

Good Shepherd, Allentown
Fr. Venantius Karobo
610 – 797 - 9733

St. Luke's, Bethlehem
Fr. Jerome Tauber 610 – 867 -5039

Lehigh Valley, Muhlenberg
Fr. Venantius Karobo
610 – 797 - 9733

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Resurrection Cemetery
547 Krocks Rd
Allentown, PA 18106
610 – 395 - 3819

Holy Saviour Cemetery
2575 Linden St
Bethlehem, PA 18017
610-866-2372

RETROUVILLE

www.HelpOurMarriage.org
800-470-2230

SURVIVING DIVORCE

Jane at 505-688-8663

GRIEF SUPPORT

Marilyn at 610-216-9315

ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2026 - 2027

Registration is open for the 2026 – 2027 school year. We have one class for each grade: Pre-K, Kindergarten, and openings in middle school grades. The earlier you register the more likely tuition assistance will be available. We have 25 Eighth Grade students graduating in June 2026. Please keep them in your prayers as they move on to high school.



BAPTISM TEAM MEETING

We will hold a Baptism team meeting in the church on Sunday, January 4 after the 10 am Mass, approximately 11:15 am. We will set the new schedule for 2026 and welcome new members to the team. If you would like to know more, please join us. Come help spread the word of our faith starting with our youngest members! Baptism team members help with the paperwork, Baptism set up/preparation and assist the celebrant on the day of Baptism. Some team members attend the Baptism class and answer the questions parents might have about this first important Sacrament of their child's faith.



2025 TAX STATEMENTS

Parishioners wanting a tax statement should call the parish office with their e-mail contact information. Tax statements will be available January 31st and will be distributed to parishioners requesting a statement. You must request a tax statement if you need one.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please keep the young children of our parish in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, January 24th.

God, you know me so well. You created me. You know the number of hairs on my head, and you even know the thoughts in my heart before I ever knew them. I'm coming to you today as your child, longing to hear from you and asking for your divine healing. There's so much I don't understand about life. But I do know that with one touch, one word, you can make me whole. Please forgive me for my sins and begin your healing from the inside out.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK RAFFLE

Our teachers need your help in giving students the best education possible. St. Elizabeth Catholic Schools Week Raffle \$10 per ticket or \$50 per sheet due no later than January 23rd to the school, parish office or collection basket! Thank you for your support.

For more tickets call the school office 610-264-0143.



ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

Special thanks for your very kind and generous participation. Our entire parish and the families are grateful to you for spreading the joy to the children. Thirty children benefited from the kindness of sixteen families. God bless you!



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FELLOWSHIP...AS DISCIPLES!

Community Events

YOUTH MINISTRY

We made gingerbread houses. They are on display in the church foyer.




2026 NICHÉ BEST SCHOOLS

ALLTOWN CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE
 SUNDAY, FEB. 1, 2026, 2-4PM

PRE-REGISTER FOR OUR OPEN HOUSE AND ENTER A CHANCE TO WIN A \$500 TUITION CREDIT FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!

Meet our Principal and Administrators, tour the campus with our Student Ambassadors, and learn about our clubs and activities.
 Contact our Admissions Director Lisa Schultz at lschultz@acchs.info with questions.
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ENROLL TODAY FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!

Sandwich Fundraiser



St. John Fisher Church is having Sandwich Sale; sandwiches are made by Kornfiend's Market in Egypt. The choices are: Roast Beef, Ham and Turkey. Sandwiches are on kaiser rolls, with white American cheese and a packet of mustard or mayonnaise. The price is \$6 per sandwich. Please mail the order form and r payment to St. John Fisher Church, 1229 Third St, Catasauqua, 18032, by Fri, January 9th. Pick-up will be Wed, Jan 21st, from 4 to 6 pm in the church hall.

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Turkey _____

Ham _____

Roast Beef _____

Total Sandwiches _____

Amount Enclosed _____



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Our Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, January 24th

Spaghetti, Home-Made Meatballs, Salad, Roll, Butter, Drinks, Dessert

Take out is available.

The Parish Hall

433 Pershing Blvd. ✧ Whitehall, PA

Seating Times: 4:00*, 5:30 or 7:00pm

*select Early Bird time for \$1.00 off all dinners

<u><i>Advance Reservations</i></u> \$15.00- Adults/ \$13.00-Seniors \$7.00- Children (5-12)	<u><i>Sales at the Door</i></u> \$20.00- Adults/ Seniors \$10.00- Children (5-12)
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For more information, please call 610-264-0143 or email school@sercc.org

Spaghetti Dinner - Return by Wednesday, January 14th

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I'd like (quantity):

_____ Adult Spaghetti Dinners @ \$15 each \$ _____

_____ Senior Spaghetti Dinners @ \$13 each \$ _____

_____ Kids Spaghetti Dinners @ \$7 each \$ _____

Total \$ _____

We would like our reservation for: _____ 4:00pm _____ 5:30pm _____ 7:00pm
4:00 reservations are \$1.00 off each ticket.

If possible, we would like to sit with: _____

We would like to "TAKE OUT" at _____ 4:30pm

I'd like to help with costs Here's an additional \$ _____



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29 December 2025

The Fifth Day of the Octave of Christmas

Letter of the Fifth Bishop of Allentown

Announcing the 65th Jubilee Anniversary Year of the Diocese of Allentown

A Eucharistic and Marian Year of Grace

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we approach the Sixty-Fifth Anniversary of the establishment of our beloved Diocese of Allentown, I invite you to join me in celebrating this milestone as a Jubilee Year of Grace, beginning 28 January 2026, and ending 28 January 2027. This sacred time will be a Eucharistic and Marian Year dedicated to giving thanks for the blessings we have received and imploring new graces for the future of our local Church, especially for vocations to the Priesthood and the Consecrated Religious Life.

Our Diocese was established by Pope Saint John XXIII on 28 January 1961, carved from the territory of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to serve the faithful of Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties. Since that day, generations of clergy, religious, and laity have worked together to build up a vibrant Catholic community rooted in faith, education, and service.

From our first Bishop, Most Reverend Joseph McShea, who laid the foundations of diocesan life and Catholic education; to his successors—Bishops Welsh, Cullen, and Barres—each shepherd has guided our Church through the joys and challenges of the times, ever striving to proclaim Christ in our region of Pennsylvania. Today, we continue to stand on that legacy, grateful for all who have handed on the Faith with courage and love. The 65th Jubilee coincides beautifully with the Church's renewed call to deepen our love for the Most Holy Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist is the heart of our Diocese. Christ is truly present among us and is the source and summit of our Catholic life.

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Throughout this Jubilee Year, I invite every parish, school, and household to rekindle devotion to the Holy Eucharist through increased opportunities for Adoration, Eucharistic processions, catechesis, and an intentional commitment to the reverent celebration of Holy Mass. Let us return to the Altar with renewed awe and gratitude, that our parishes may be truly Eucharistic communities where faith is alive and charity overflows.

The Diocese has always been placed under the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of *Mary, Mother of the Church*. During this Jubilee, we turn again to her as our Mother and Model of Faith. Just as she carried Jesus to the world, may she lead us to a deeper love of her Son and to a spirit of joyful discipleship and evangelization.

Therefore, I am also designating this year as a Marian Year, asking every parish to promote the Holy Rosary, Marian devotions, and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In a world often marked by division and discouragement, Mary shows us the way to peace, humility, and trust in God's providence.

In a special way, I ask all the faithful to join me in praying for two great intentions during this Jubilee Year:

- An abundance of holy vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Consecrated Religious Life.
- The return of those who have drifted from the practice of the faith, that they may rediscover the salvation, mercy, and joy of Christ in His Church.

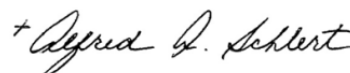
The Lord continues to call, and His mercy never tires. May our parishes become welcoming homes for all who seek spiritual comfort, forgiveness, and belonging.

As we celebrate sixty-five years of grace, we look back with gratitude and forward with hope. The same Holy Spirit who inspired the founding of our Diocese continues to guide us today. Let us walk together—clergy, religious, and laity—as a Roman Catholic family of faith, united in the Holy Eucharist, devoted to Mary, and steadfast in our mission of bringing the Light of Christ to every soul.

Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, and Saint Catharine of Siena, Patroness of our Cathedral, may this Jubilee Year be a time of renewal, healing, and joy for all of us.

With heartfelt gratitude and every prayerful good wish, I remain

Faithfully yours in Christ,



✠ Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert
Bishop of Allentown



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