

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF  
**Ss. CYRIL &  
METHODIUS**

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125 HALF HOLLOW RD, DEER PARK, NY 11729

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**January 24, 2021**

**He who hesitates...**

By Bishop Richard Henning

Do you choose to love or do you “fall” in love?

Popular songs, movies, and television shows love to sing or depict people swept away by the complex, unpredictable, and risky emotions associated with romantic relationships. They speak of lust and longing, of passion and dedication. The songs are correct in realizing that love is often something that happens to us rather than a reasoned choice. On the other hand, the songs and stories do not tell the whole story. They usually focus on that overwhelming feeling of infatuation, or the pain when that first bloom fades from the rose. For obsession to become genuine love involves a conscious choice to commit and remain faithful. It is the choice to trust and share life entirely with another – to choose the good of that person even above

the desires of the self. It is only then, in the context of true commitment, that love can grow and bloom in new ways. At some point, the feeling must become a chosen way of life or the relationship will inevitably fail.

Today's readings have some interesting things to say about the quality of our relationship with God. It is another mixture of compulsion and choice that looks very much like the experience of human love.

In the case of the passage from Jonah, we have a moment that intends to be humorous. In fact, many scholars believe that book of Jonah is intended to be a humorous way of revealing and altering the preconceptions of the people. The book was written for a people that had become suspicious of others and turned inward and the book gently mocks their narrow viewpoint. As we read this passage, we need to remember that the

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**Readings this Sunday**

**1st Reading:** Jonah 3:1-5,10 God spared the people of Nineveh because they heeded the message God sent through Jonah.

**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Paul warns the Corinthians that they must act differently because the world in its present form is passing away.

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 1:14-20 Jesus calls the fishermen, Simon and Andrew, James and John, to be his disciples.

**2021**

**Word of God  
Sunday**

*"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path"*



On January 24<sup>th</sup>, Pope Francis calls upon all believers to give thanks for the Word of God and open our hearts to its life-giving power. Join us as the Diocese of Rockville Centre honors, celebrates, and listens with open hearts to the saving Word of God!

**For Information & Resources, visit:  
[www.drvc.org/WordOfGodSunday](http://www.drvc.org/WordOfGodSunday)**

Office of Communications, Diocese of Rockville Centre

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**Saturday:** 5:00 pm (Vigil)

**Sunday:** 8:00 am, 9:30 am: Family Mass - LIVESTREAM,  
11:00 am, 12:30 pm  
4:00 pm (Vietnamese Mass) & 6:00 pm

**Weekdays:** 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm

**Saturday:** 8:30 am

### HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Eve of Holy Day: 5:00 pm

Holy Day: 7:00 am, 8:30 am  
12:15 pm & 7:00 pm

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** (Children's Chapel)

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: after the 12:15 pm Mass

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
and by appointment by calling the Parish Office

## PARISH OFFICE

Tel: (631) 667-4044

Fax: (631) 667-6237

Email: parishoffice@sscmdp.org

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Saturday & Sunday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday:

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

## PANTRY HOURS

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

**BAPTISM:** Saturday at 12:30 pm and Sunday at 2:00 pm. Contact the Parish Center to arrange for an interview and to register for the required preparation class.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance and prior to wedding reception plans. Call the Parish Center for an appointment with the priest or deacon you wish to officiate at your wedding.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:** Holy Communion will be ministered by appointment to those confined to home. Contact the Parish Center to schedule a visit by a Eucharistic Minister.

**THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Each Saturday morning at the 8:30 am Mass. In an emergency, call the Parish Office to request a priest. Outside office hours, call (631) 667-4044, Ext. 9

## PASTORAL STAFF: (631) 667-4044

Rev. Gius Garcia, *Pastor*, Ext. 121

Rev. Moise Aime, *Associate Pastor*, Ext. 165

Rev. Patrick Grace, *Associate Pastor*, Ext. 166

Rev. Francis D. Sang, *In Residence*, Ext. 170 (Retired)

Deacon John F. Fitzpatrick, Ext. 124

Deacon James A. Murano, Ext. 127

Deacon William Sperl, Ext. 112

Ms. Amora Laucella, *Religious Education*, Ext. 145

Ms. Georgette Fromigia, *Social Ministry*, Ext. 105

Mr. Timothy Leitch, *Youth Ministry*, Ext. 154

Deacon Philip A. Mills, Jr. *Business Manager*, Ext. 110

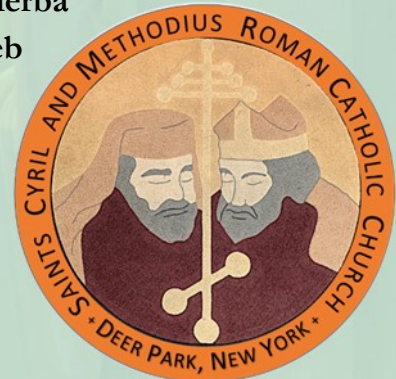
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## PARISH TRUSTESS

Mary Malerba

John Grieb



Mrs. Jane Carleo Ext. 111, *Bookkeeper*

Mrs. Joan Ann Loring, Ext. 122

*Parish Secretary / Bulletin Editor*

Mrs. Marianne Saffran, Ext. 115

*Baptism & Wedding Coordinator*





## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday January 25**

7:00 AM: (**Open**: no offered intentions)

8:30 AM: Joan and Buddy Gillespie

12:15 PM: Nick Keller

**Tuesday January 26**

7:00 AM: For Chelsea Kravitz's intentions

8:30 AM: Helen Hedberg

12:15 PM: (**Open**: no offered intentions)

**Wednesday January 27**

7:00 AM: Wendy Williams

8:30 AM: Margaret Corrigan

12:15 PM: Leonardo Arenas

**Thursday January 28**

7:00 AM: For Russell Salerno's intentions

8:30 AM: (**Open**: no offered intentions)

12:15 PM: (**Open**: no offered intentions)

**Friday January 29**

7:00 AM: For Mary Malerba's intentions

8:30 AM: (**Open**: no offered intentions)

12:15 PM: Aida Feliciano

**Saturday January 30**

8:30 AM Purgatorial Society

5:00 PM Salvatore J. Muroto, Catello Scala, Hannah (Nora) McGovern, Kathleen Gatti, Martina McCann

**Sunday January 31**

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners

9:30 AM Jessie M. Quigley

11:00 AM Maria Damiano, Richie Seery

12:30 AM Domenico Sementilli

6:00 PM (**Open**: no offered intentions)

## PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

**Saturday, January 30**

5:00 PM: Fr. Gius Garcia

**Sunday, January 31**

8:00 AM: Fr. Gius Garcia

9:30 AM: Fr. Greg Cappuccino

11:00 AM: Fr. Patrick Grace

12:30 PM: Fr. Greg Cappuccino

6:00 PM: Fr. Patrick Grace

## REST IN PEACE

Josephine Edwards, Ronald W. Scalzo, Adele Minetta, Scipione V. Caffarelli, Margaret Boccio, Stephen Amato, Frank A. Congioli, Thomas Burke, Mario A. Manni, Clorinda D'Amato Ryan, Rose Amendolare

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

T. J. Hicks, Christian Daniel, Owen Chapman, William Shirk, Baby Bella Barra, Rita Haggerty, Catherine Rizzo, Rosemarie Dorsty, Margaret McCartney, Richard J. Murphy, Nuala Egan, Theresa Schaefer, Leonard Caltabiano, Mary Massa, Joseph Massa, Jacqueline Lullis, Mary Anne Farrell-Tzanetos, Frank Persico, Joan Olcott, Barbara Wineberger, Connie Rigert, Steve Peterson, Frank Peterson, Diane Peterson, Catherine Troiano, Luida Samson, Matthew Locascio, John Giusto, Omar Stuart, Robert Glaser, Lucille Sanelli, Michael Ferro, Robert Flaherty, Stanley Urbanowski, Angelina Diramacco, Joseph Giammarino, Maryann Farrell, Stephen Neveroski, Eugene Sheehy, Edward Muldowney, Alberto Sanelli, Stephen M. Murphy, Clemente Oropallo, Kevin Talbot, Maria Nunziato, Joseph E. Torres, Paretk Gisell Torres, Sydney Ann Torres, Julio C. Rivera, William Haile, Patrick Mendola, Keith Thomas, Jean Fortunato, Gayle Ryan, Jen Scicutella, Anthony Ferrero, Luke Vaughn, Joyce Ratushny, Barbara Dunne, John Townsend, Myra Bianco, Hazel Mills, Kristen Mills, Caroline Palma, Diane Canavan, Phyllis Catapano, Michael Naglieri, Christopher Scheuer, Geralyn, Joseph, Nicole and Meala Vizzari, Glenn Tarquinio, Lisa Hulsen, Eleanor Collazo, Jean Simeone, Providence Hulsen, Antoinette Fisher, Patricia LaMotte

## WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Sgt. Joseph Evola, Karley Hawkins, Gabriella Hawkins, Ryan Ferrara, Sean O'Farrell von Fenton, Lt. Patrick H. LaMonica, Lt. Jonathan W. LaMonica, 1st Lt. Charles Gulotta, 1st Lt. Matthew Gulotta, James Powers, Cordel Breitenstein, Commander Christopher Grande

If you would like your family member added to the list or if one has returned home, please contact the Parish Office or email [jloring@sscmdp.org](mailto:jloring@sscmdp.org)

## FROM THE PASTOR

...from cover page

prophet Jonah, like the other biblical prophets, receives a call from God. Unlike the others, he does his best to avoid the call. He had no intention of following God's orders to preach to Nineveh and he attempts to escape by ship. Mayhem ensues with a ferocious storm and a ride in the belly of a great fish which spits a now repentant Jonah onto the shore that he hoped so desperately to avoid. There is no escaping his mission. Throughout the story, Jonah, whose name means "Dove," a name that suggests a peaceful, passive man, must be prodded and pushed by God to act.

Jonah finally preaches his message of doom to the fearsome great city of Nineveh and the unthinkable happens. The Ninevites respond and repent immediately. Where the

prophet resisted, they put on sackcloth and turn to God. The aggressive God who prodded Jonah now demonstrates forbearance and mercy. We have to chuckle at the contrast between the hapless prophet and the responsive "enemy." And as we chuckle, we might also see ourselves in both sides of this struggle to live a life of faith.

In addressing the Corinthians, St. Paul prods believers with regard to the passionate nature of their faith. Paul had little patience with a comfortable Christianity. The self-satisfied and self-important Corinthian Christians needed some

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This is Bishop Richard Henning's commentary on the Readings for the Word of God Sunday and published at [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org). It is republished here for your convenience and inspiration.

### MEMORIALS — January 24 to January 30

**BREAD AND WINE** - In Honor of my wife, **Hannah (Nora) McGovern**. Love, your husband Pat McGovern and the entire McGovern Family.

**ALTAR CANDLES** - In Honor of my wife, **Hannah (Nora) McGovern**. Love, your husband Pat McGovern and the entire McGovern Family.

**CANDLES AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE** - Available

**CANDLES AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE** - Available

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - In Honor of my wife, **Hannah (Nora) McGovern**. Love, your husband Pat McGovern and the entire McGovern Family.

**FLOWERS AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE** - Available

**FLOWERS AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE** - Available

*Stewardship*

**JANUARY 17, 2021**

**Regular Collection \$11,886.00**

**Online Giving \$ 2,292.71**

### **CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**

**Goal \$126,300**

**\$132,059.00 Pledged**

**105% of Parish Goal**

Thank you, and God Bless you, for your faithful weekly Stewardship of our Parish and for your support of the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal!

Simon, Andrew, James and John leave everything behind them and follow the call of Jesus.

### **OUR STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE: THREE (3) HOURS TO THE LORD**

- One hour in prayer each week
- One hour in service to others each week
- One hour's wages financial support of our parish family.

# Family Faith Formation and Religious Education

## Weekly Greeting from Ms. Laucella

This week, we hear the story of Jesus speaking with two of his future Apostles; Simon, who would later be known as Saint Peter and Rock of the Church, and his brother, Andrew. As they get ready to fish, as was their livelihood, Jesus calls out to them and tells them to follow Him, so that He can make them “fishers of men”.  
***Fishers of men.***



We are all called to be fishers of men. We are all called to accept Christ's invitation to a relationship with Him, and to share that relationship with others. I also find it so appropriate that the first two Apostles that Christ called were brothers; They made up a family. Not only does Christ call us individually in our lives, but He calls all of us and our families to join with the family that is our Catholic Church. May we all use our call to be fishers of men to reach out to those around us.



## Catholic Schools Week

This week, we celebrated the Feast Day of one of the great Saints of the Catholic Church; Saint Agnes, who is the Patron Saint of our Diocese. (She is also one of my favorite Saints, and is a personal Patron of mine, as the Patron Saint of young women!) In reflecting on her life, her bravery, and her constant commitment to the Catholic Faith in the face of persecution, and her intercession for the success and protection of the Catholic Church here on Long Island, I feel compelled to share with all of you one of our Diocese's greatest sources of pride; Our Catholic Schools.

This week, we celebrate Catholic School's Week, a national celebration of the pride and love for Catholic Education. It is a time that we share how our Catholic Schools thrive on a daily basis, through their academics, activities, and the daily immersion in our Catholic Faith that we so love. Usually, this week we would kick off Catholic Schools Week with our 9:30am Family Mass, followed by our annual Open House. Many of our parents in our Family Faith Formation Program have asked about information about Ss. Cyril and Methodius Catholic School, and I am happy to share that although our traditional Open House is not able to take place this year, we will be hosting different events for all who are interested in becoming part of our school family! Be sure to stay tuned here and online to see what those events will be! Catholic Education changed the course of my entire life, and is what allowed me to be your Faith Director. As an alumnae of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, I urge you to see what makes this school so special; We are all so excited to share this all with you!

### Administration

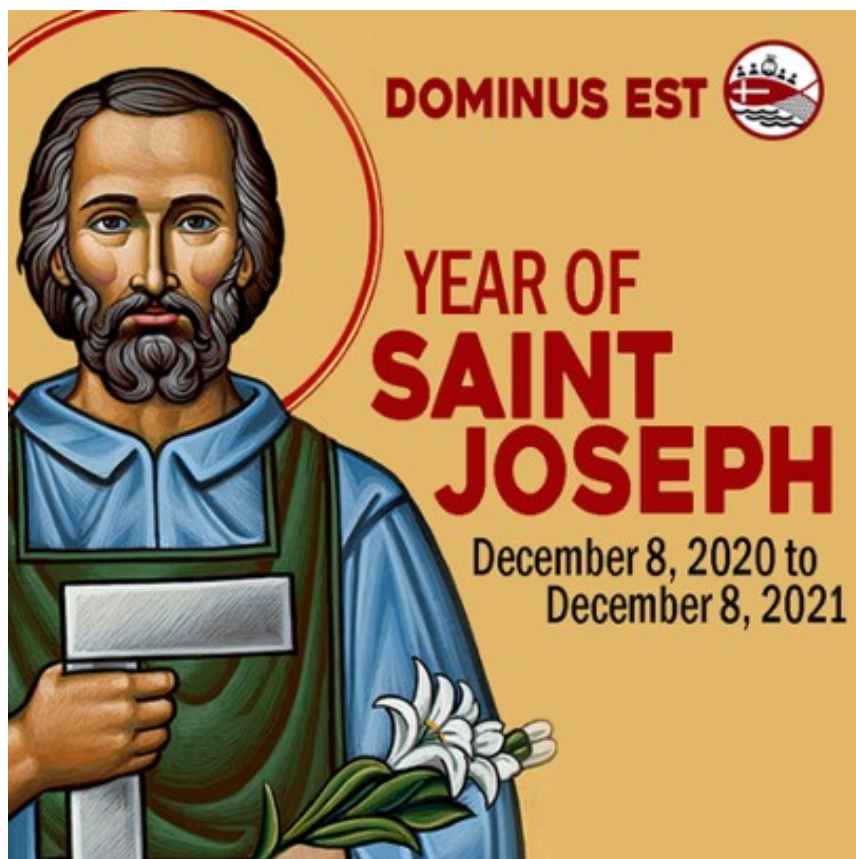
**Ms. Laucella**

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### Office Information

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## PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace,  
mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil.  
Amen.

*To bring the universal love preached by Christ*

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**WWW.SSCMWEB.ORG** or  
Call (631) 6674044 X 131

# FOOD BINS

Please do not put your used masks in the Food Bins in the Breezeway.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

## LECTORS NEEDED

We are in need of Lectors at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday.  
If you would like to be a Lector at this Mass  
please contact Joan Loring at 631-667-4044 Ext. 122.  
Thank you for your consideration in joining this very important Ministry.

## PORTAL of SAINTS

### ORDER FORM

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\$5.00 per Bag



## **SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - "We Help People"**

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." As disciples, we are called to continue God's work on earth. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living Gospel values. As Pope Francis said: " God's answer to the poor is always a saving act that heals wounds of body and soul, restores justice and helps to live life anew in dignity. God's answer is also a summons to those who believe in him to do likewise, within the limits of what is humanly possible."

If you, or anyone you know is in need of assistance, please contact us at 631-667-4044 ext. 175, or at [sscmstvincentdepaul@gmail.com](mailto:sscmstvincentdepaul@gmail.com).

### **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS**

Please join us every first Saturday of every month for Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 8:00am followed by the 8:30am Mass and recitation of the rosary. Our Lady requested at the Fatima apparitions her desire for this devotion for the conversion of all souls and world peace. The world is in great need of prayers at this time. The next First Saturday of the Month is February 6, 2021. Please consider joining the Rosary Altar Society. Call Nancy Lanni at 631-242-5078. Due to COVID-19 restrictions there will be no meetings until after Easter.

### **MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**

**Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.** Maintaining social distancing practices we gather weekly to recite the Novena near the statue of Mary. Make this powerful 20 minute prayer an essential and routine part of your spiritual life. Let our Blessed Lady intercede for your needs to her son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **FLAME OF LOVE DEVOTION**

Will gather in the Church, by Our Blessed Mother's Shrine, every **Friday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Our Mother is begging for our help! Won't you say yes? Any questions call Anna Mancini at 631-586-5214.

### **BIBLE STUDY CLASS CONTINUES ...ALL ARE WELCOME!**

#### **Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom (Ascension Press DVD series by Jeff Cavins)**

In these twenty videos Jeff Cavins provides an in-depth explanation of the Acts of the Apostles, including subjects such as: the Prelude to Power, The Power of Pentecost, The Miraculous Power of Jesus' Name, The Church Acts with Boldness, Problems Within, Persecutions Without, The First Christian Martyr, Kingdom Borders Expand, The Persecutor Becomes the Preacher, St. Peter's Un-Kosher Picnic, The Church in Antioch, Paul's First Missionary Journey, The Jerusalem Council and Paul's Second Missionary Journey, and Converts and Conflicts – Turning the World Upside Down.

**Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. beginning January 28<sup>th</sup> in the basement of the school.** To register, please call Mary at 631-291-7020

### **RECITATION OF THE ROSARY**

Join the Rosary Altar Society every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6pm. You may tune in to the communal recitation of the Rosary on ZOOM CONFERENCE as led by the members of the Holy Rosary Society of Saints Cyril and Methodius.

Download the **Zoom app** on your phone or login to **zoom.us**.

**Meeting ID: 829-2223-8588 and Password: 0S6Qt1**





**2020** CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

## Thank you for your generous support of the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Completing your 2020 pledge ensures that our Parish  
will benefit by receiving our full rebate.

## There's still time to make a gift.

Please remember that all pledges  
must be paid in full by **January 31, 2021.**



If you have not had an opportunity to donate  
to this year's appeal, there is a new tool you  
can use to donate!

**TEXT-TO-GIVE to make a donation!**  
**It's fast and secure.**

**TEXT Keyword: 119sscyrilandmethodius**  
**To (516) 271-3338**

It is thanks to people like YOU who make the sacrifice to give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal so that the Good News of Christ can be spread across Long Island. If you have not made a gift yet for this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, it is not too late! Every gift makes a difference because every gift is restricted to the ministries the Appeal serves. On behalf of everyone who is touched by your gift, thank you so much.

***Please consider donating to the Appeal and make a difference in someone's life. Thank you!***

Make checks payable to:

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perspective. In this passage Paul reminds them of the urgency of the call to faith. Every aspect of their lives, relationships, business, joys, and sorrows, must be transformed in light of the actions of God and God's call of the people to faith and salvation.

In the case of the passage from Mark, we witness Jesus' call of the first disciples. The scene begins with a note of warning as Jesus' public ministry begins just as John the Baptist is arrested, soon to be martyred. But the most compelling part of this narrative is the rapid and total response of the called. For first century fishermen, nets are life. Without objection or questions, they are walking away from the living that feeds them. And they leave more than nets and boats, we are told that they leave their father – shocking behavior for a pious Jew. With just a few words, Mark lets us know that Jesus' presence is overwhelming for

these men. They respond in an extraordinary and unexpected way.

How did we end up as Catholics? For most of us, it is probably the product of family and upbringing. Some may have "chosen" faith as converts, although even in those cases, I am sure that each person was motivated by forces beyond their full understanding. For all of us, there is a truth that we "fall in faith." God has chosen us for his family without any apparent worthiness on our part. While grace should inspire gratitude, it should not inspire passivity. We learn today that grace always demands a response. If our relationship with God is to grow and endure then we must receive the gift and make it our own by the choice to respond. No hesitation, no questions, no excuses – just the simple act of walking after the Lord one step at a time.

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