October 8, 2017

St. Monica Parish

St. Lucy Parish

Renew, Rebuild, and Reach Out: Disciples in Heartfelt Communion with Jesus Christ

Program for Adults desiring to receive the Sacraments

Sessions will be offered for adults interested in our Catholic faith and in becoming a member of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation, a program commonly known as RCIA. Anyone interested in receiving any or all of these sacraments, which they may have not received in their youth, are encouraged and welcomed to attend. If YOU know of anyone interested, please let them know and we will gladly welcome them and explain the process offered. Also, these sessions are open to anyone who has received their Sacraments but might want to come to a deeper appreciation of what these Sacraments are about. You too are welcome to join in a very interesting and relaxed atmosphere. Sessions will begin in the Fall at the St. Lucy Parish Schoolhouse. Any questions please contact Kevin Fitzgerald, at 978-686-3311 or Bonnie Bonanno at 978-609-7307.

If you are interested please join us this Sunday, October 8 at 10:00 am in the St. Lucy School House.

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

Just a reminder that Faith Formation is underway at both of our parishes, but there is still room if you'd like to enroll your children. Please contact the parish offices at 978-683-1193 for more information.

Our parish offices will be closed on Monday, October 9 for Columbus Day.

October 14 is Fr. Bill's birthday!

Fr. Bill, we wish you a birthday filled with God's blessings. We thank God for the gift of your faith-filled life, and we pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen you as you serve the Church. Have a blessed birthday! - your staff and parishioners at St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes

Craft Fair – St. Lucy Parish – Sat. Oct. 21st Fabulous Basket Raffle Come and Check Them Out!

\$1.00 per Ticket. Six for \$5.00

1.	Halloween	6.	Italian
2.	Dollar Tree	7.	Spa
3.	Car	8.	Christmas
4.	Boy/Girl	9.	Scratch Tickets
5.	Dog	10.	Cat

Tickets will be on sale at the Craft Fair

Giant Book Sale to support St. Lucy's

Same day and time as the Craft Fair in the school house. Donate books you've read that others can enjoy and support the parish. Books can be left in the portico (between the school house and the garage at St. Lucy's)

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

Next Sodality Meeting: This Sunday, October 8th after the 9:30 Mass and the praying of the rosary. This will be an important meeting to finalize our Craft Fair.

Please do not leave lit candles in the churches. We found one recently at St. Monica's that could have caused a fire. Thank you for your understanding.



Seventeenth Annual Project Warm & Fuzzy

Ashlev Bolis, a resident of the Merrimack Valley and a Corpus Christi parishioner is continuing a project which she started as a student at St. Monica's Grammar School. The project is called "Warm & Fuzzy". Beginning this

Saturday, October 7th through November 19th (the Sunday before Thanksgiving) there will be boxes at the entrances of the Church where you may drop off new hats,

mittens, gloves, scarves and socks (for children, babies and adults). These articles will be distributed to the needy during the winter months. Any help you



can give Ashley with her project will be greatly appreciated.

St. Monica Parish: 212 Lawrence Street St. Lucy Parish: 254 Merrimack Street Methuen, MA

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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Mondays at 10 a.m. Please email all bulletin notices to methuencatholicnews@gmail.com

MARRIAGES. Please call the parish office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall.

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St. Lucy Parish

Daily Mass Schedule: Monday through Wednesday 8:00 am Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00pm (for Sunday) Sunday: 8:00am/9:30am/11:30am Holy Days of Obligation: 8:00 am, 12:30 pm, and 7:00 pm

St. Monica Parish

Daily Mass Schedule: Thursday and Friday 7:00 am, Saturday 8:00 am

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday: 4:00 pm (for Sunday) Sunday: 7:30am/9:30am/11:30am/5:30pm

Holy Days of Obligation: 4:00pm (prior eve)/7:00 am and 10:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Monica Parish Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

St. Lucy Parish Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

and any time by appointment

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays: 1:30 - 4:30 pm St. Lucy Church Fridays: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

For more information on Adoration at St. Monica's, please contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com or (978) 270 - 3366 For St. Lucy's, please contact Ellen Wholley at (978) 682 - 8459. If school is cancelled due to weather, Adoration is also cancelled.

BAPTISMS. Please call the parish office. St. Monica's Parish: 1st full weekend of the month Saturday 12:30 pm/Sunday 1:00pm St. Lucy Parish: 3rd Saturday of the Month 12:30pm

ST. N	IONICA PARISH	ST. LUCY PARISH			
MAS	SS INTENTIONS	MASS INTENTIONS			
Saturday, October 7 8:00 am <i>(multiple int</i> 4:00 pm Sunday, October 8 7:30 am 9:30 am <i>(multiple int</i> 11:30 am 5:30 pm	Geraldine Fillipon Kevin Waterworth Jean Caron Joseph Drelick Elizabeth and John Buonanno, and Modeste (Mody) and Michael Ryan	Saturday, October 7 4:00 pm Sunday, October 8 8:00 am 9:30 am 11:30 am <i>(multiple inte</i>	Deceased members of the Wholley Family Flora and Jim Llorca Deceased members of the Sodality <i>entions)</i> John Rovinski Lucille Guimond Joseph DiCenzo Pamela Saluski (Living) Genovena Aguiar, Carlos Medeiros, Cremipde Pimentel, Daniel Craveiro, and Jorgina Aguiaz Denis Cormier		
Thursday, October 12 7:00 am	St. Lucy Parishes Patricia Ferguson (Living)	Monday, October 9 8:00 am Tuesday, October 10 8:00 am	In honor of St. Francis of Assisi EJM (Living)		
Friday, October 13 7:00 am	In thanksgiving to Our Lady	Wednesday, October 1 8:00 am	、 <i>U</i> ,		
Saturday, October 14 8:00 am <i>(multiple int</i> 4:00 pm Sunday, October 15 7:30 am 9:30 am <i>(multiple int</i> 11:30 am 5:30 pm	Frances M. Houlihan Donald Stewart Paul Valliere	Saturday, October 14 4:00 pm Sunday, October 15 8:00 am 9:30 am 11:30 am <i>(multiple inte</i>	Gennaro Alfonzo and Filomena Buco Rosemary D'Urso - Scrofano and Alexander D'Urso Nina Coco Robie		
weekend, there is on	017: \$9,057.00 this weekend is for our school. Next ly one collection, our regular Sunday for your generous contribution to the	Offertory October 1, 2017: \$7,895.00 There is only one collection this weekend and next weekend, our regular Sunday offering. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.			

I present, for your review, the St. Monica Parish Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2017.

Our two main sources of income are from you, our parishioners, through the weekly offertory and the Grand Annual. The offertory was under budget by \$54,388.35 and -8.6% from last year. The Grand Annual was under budget by \$4,505.00 and down -.5% from the prior year.

Religious Education income was under budget by \$9,466.50. We did not collect \$5,117.00 in Religious Education fees assessed. Our Program relies on these fees to pay for books and materials for Religious Education.

Gifts, Bequests and Donations were over budget by \$15,480.68 due largely due to the generosity of a \$10,000.00 parishioner bequest.

Our invaluable Clergy and staff account for the majority of St Monica Parish Expenses. Compensation was over budget by \$5,704.22. This is due to the cost of severance provided for the restructuring of staff.

Office and Related Expenses were over budget by \$8,099.56. Of this, \$4,259.00 is due to the printing of the Grand Annual and \$2,244.00 was due to new Parish software.

Pastoral/Religious Expenses were over budget by \$7,543.20. Of this, \$4375.00 is from charitable works and \$4,636.60 is from Youth Ministries. Youth Ministry income was \$6,695.54 over budget.

Church School Support is over budget by \$4,959.50. We did not fulfill our commitment of school support in FY 2016 so we did so in FY 2017.

Church Principal/Interest Payments were under budget by \$12,371.01. Loan principal payments were not due but were budgeted for.

The Church Miscellaneous Expenses were over budget by \$5,580.08. This is due largely to the Cardinal's Catholic Appeal Assessment of \$3,315.08 for not meeting our Cardinals' Appeal Goal. An additional \$1,440.00 was attributable to the purchase of the Pilot Newspapers for parishioners.

Our net Income was \$1,875.52 compared to \$20,665.67 the prior year. The decrease in our weekly offertory continues to impact our bottom line.

With this in mind, I turn to you for help. In the weeks ahead, you will be reading more about a new program taking place in our parish. The program, the Increased Offertory Campaign, is an opportunity for all of us to address the most pressing needs in our parish through this increased giving campaign. Our hope is to increase our weekly collections by 20%.

Currently our average weekly offertory collection is \$8.663.00. To cover our operating costs and address our most pressing needs, we need to increase our income to \$10.392.00 per week.

Each week, space in the bulletin will be devoted to reminders and important announcements concerning the Increased Offertory Campaign. Please be on the lookout for more information about this important initiative. We will be asking you to prayerfully consider increasing your donation.

God Bless,

Fr. Bill Lohan

Pastor

Finance Council: David Brown, Sr. Suzanne Fondini, Richard LaPointe, Tim Lehane, Gary Melville

St. Monica Parish Annual Report to Parishioners Fiscal Year End June 30, 2017

-	FY 2017 ACTUALS	FY 2017 BUDGET	\$ VARIANCE TO BUDGET	% VARIANCE TO BUDGET	FY2018 ANNUAL BUDGET
Parish Revenue					
Offertory	537,611.65	592,000.00	-54,388.35	90.8%	539,000.00
Grand Annual	70,495.00	75,000.00	-4,505.00	94.0%	75,000.00
Religious Education	30,533.50	40,000.00	-9,466.50	76.3%	32,000.00
Gifts, Bequests & Donations	22,480.68	7,000.00	15,480.68	321.2%	10,000.00
Sacramental Offerings	65,998.00	62,000.00	3,998.00	106.4%	62,000.00
Candles & Flowers	25,418.55	18,000.00	7,418.55	141.2%	20,000.00
Fundraising	10,120.51	8,000.00	2,120.51	126.5%	6,000.00
Youth Group Activities	11,695.54	5,000.00	6,695.54	233.9%	8,500.00
Rental Donations	17,125.00	2,000.00	15,125.00	856.3%	13,650.00
Special School Collections	3,050.50	10,000.00	-6,949.50	30.5%	10,000.00
Other Income	4,591.30	1,500.00	3,091.30	306.1%	3,000.00
Interest/Dividend	864.10	150.00	714.10	576.1%	235.00
TOTAL PARISH INCOME	799,984.33	820,650.00	-20,665.67	97.5%	779,385.00
Parish Expenses					
Compensation	294,633.24	288,929.02	5,704.22	102.0%	267,442.16
Employee Benefits	66,200.26	85,598.37	-19,398.11	77.3%	63,937.84
Clergy/Religious Stipend & Related	98,971.58	105,531.30	-6,559.72	93.8%	110,262.27
Office & Related	50,499.56	42,400.00	8,099.56	119.1%	44,665.80
Professional Fees	22,358.00	22,748.70	-390.70	98.3%	22,500.00
Household	8,203.27	6,000.00	2,203.27	136.7%	7,000.00
Utilities & Maintenance	91,723.60	105,978.24	-14,254.64	86.5%	99,616.44
Pastoral/Religious/Liturgical	57,543.20	50,000.00	7,543.20	115.1%	50,000.00
Professional Development	1,202.79	4,000.00	-2,797.21	30.1%	3,000.00
Fundraising	2,136.74	5,000.00	-2,863.26	42.7%	2,500.00
Church Food for Church Functions	5,518.68	3,500.00	2,018.68	157.7%	4,500.00
Church School Support	24,959.50	20,000.00	4,959.50	124.8%	20,000.00
Church Principal/Interest payment on loan	33,189.27	45,560.28	-12,371.01	72.8%	45,000.00
Central Ministry Tithe	35,189.04	35,189.00	0.04	100.0%	34,848.00
Church Miscellaneous Expenses	5,780.08	200.00	5,580.08	2890.0%	1,000.00
Capital Acquisitions/Improvements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	3,000.00
TOTAL PARISH EXPENSES	798,108.81	820,634.91	-22,526.10	97.3%	779,272.51

Total Income \$799,984.33 Net Income \$1,875.52 Total Expenses \$798,108.81

Total Cash Balances as of June 30, 2017Checking \$126,275.23Savings \$ 42,144.48Loan Balance \$313,733.78

I present, for your review, the St Lucy Parish Annual Report for the Fiscal Year 2017.

I am pleased to report that our FY17 Total Parish Income was over budget by \$2,092.60. The Offertory was over budget by \$2,822.00 and the Grand Annual was over budget by \$1,780.00. Prior to this year, The Offertory and Grand Annual had both decreased annually since June 2013. We are hopeful that we will be able to restore our Offertory giving to its prior levels.

Our Religious Education Program was under budget by \$5,880.00. We are hopeful that we will be able to improve upon our collection of Religious Education Registration fees. The modest fees collected help offset the cost of our necessary Religious Education program books and materials.

Other Income is over budget by \$3,764.50. This is due to Sodality income of \$13,638.50.

Our dedicated Clergy and staff account for the majority of St. Lucy Parish expenses. Compensation is over budget by \$17,786.87. This is due to the cost of severance provided for the restructuring of staff. Employee Benefits is over budget by \$4,848.10. This is due to an employee enrolling in the health insurance plan.

Pastoral/Religious/Liturgical is over budget by \$5,173.49. Of this, \$4,262.80 was for prior year altar supply purchases not billed until this fiscal year. These were largely one-time purchases such as stoles, albs, and chalices.

Church Food for Church Functions was over budget by \$3,158.24. Of this, \$1,654.90 was for Religious Education refreshments not budgeted for.

Church Miscellaneous Expenses were over budget by \$1,883.26. Of this, \$1,565.00 was a write-off for Religious Education fees never collected for the prior year. We also were assessed \$1,060.00 for not meeting our Cardinal's Annual Appeal Goal.

Our parish had a net loss of \$8,112.49 for Fiscal Year 2017, compared to a net loss of \$44,673.84 the prior year. We are moving in the right direction, but need your continued support.

It is with this in mind that I turn to you for help. In the weeks ahead, you will be reading more about a new program taking place in our parish. The program, the Increased Offertory Campaign, is an opportunity for all of us to address the most pressing needs in our parish through this increased giving campaign. Our hope is to increase our weekly collections by 20%.

Currently our average weekly offertory collection is \$6,019.00. To cover our operating costs and address our most pressing needs, we need to increase our income to \$7.223.00 per week.

Each week, space in the bulletin will be devoted to reminders and important announcements concerning the Increased Offertory Campaign . Please be on the lookout for more information about this important initiative. We will be asking you to prayerfully consider increasing your donation.

God Bless,

Fr. Bill Lohan

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St. Lucy Parish Annual Report to Parishioners Fiscal Year End June 30, 2017

	FY 2017	FY 2017	\$ VARIANCE	% VARIANCE	FY2018 ANNUAL
	ACTUALS	BUDGET	TO BUDGET	TO BUDGET	BUDGET
Parish Revenue	-				
Offertory	314,822.00	312,000.00	2,822.00	100.9%	320,000.00
Grand Annual	56,780.00	55,000.00	1,780.00	103.2%	60,000.00
Religious Education	24,120.00	30,000.00	-5,880.00	80.4%	20,000.00
Gifts, Bequests & Donations	7,568.00	5,000.00	2,568.00	151.4%	5,000.00
Sacramental Offerings	41,644.00	40,000.00	1,644.00	104.1%	40,000.00
Candles & Flowers	11,193.00	13,000.00	-1,807.00	86.1%	12,000.00
Fundraising	7,251.50	10,500.00	-3,248.50	69.1%	6,000.00
Rental Donations	3,500.00	3,000.00	500.00	116.7%	3,000.00
Other Income	14,764.50	11,000.00	3,764.50	134.2%	11,000.00
Interest/Dividend	449.60	500.00	-50.40	89.9%	500.00
TOTAL PARISH INCOME	482,092.60	480,000.00	2,092.60	100.4%	477,500.00
Parish Expenses	_				
Compensation	187,198.59	169,411.72	17,786.87	110.5%	182,735.94
Employee Benefits	45,125.00	40,276.90	4,848.10	112.0%	45,829.20
Clergy/Religious Stipend & Related	56,304.75	70,994.51	-14,689.76	79.3%	59,372.00
Office & Related	27,541.55	31,350.00	-3,808.45	87.9%	33,000.00
Professional Fees	13,500.00	12,250.00	1,250.00	110.2%	15,000.00
Household	3,222.62	4,675.00	-1,452.38	68.9%	4,700.00
Utilities & Maintenance	72,543.49	75,098.00	-2,554.51	96.6%	76,500.00
Pastoral/Religious/Liturgical	41,473.49	36,300.00	5,173.49	114.3%	36,000.00
Professional Development	500.00	1,000.00	-500.00	50.0%	1,000.00
Fundraising	3,881.14	4,000.00	-118.86	97.0%	4,000.00
Church Food for Church Functions	7,583.24	4,425.00	3,158.24	171.4%	7,000.00
Central Ministry Tithe	28,047.96	28,748.00	-700.04	97.6%	0.00
Church Miscellaneous Expenses	3,283.26	1,400.00	1,883.26	234.5%	2,300.00
Capital Acquisitions/Improvements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
TOTAL PARISH EXPENSES	490,205.09	479,929.13	10,275.96	102.1%	467,437.14

Total Income \$482,092.60

Total Expenses \$490,205.09

Net Income \$-8,112.49

Total Cash Balances as of June 30, 2017

Checking \$19,024.44

Savings \$37,172.60

St. Monica School Annual Report to Parishioners Fiscal Year End June 30, 2017

	FY 2017 ACTUALS	FY 2017 BUDGET	\$ VARIANCE TO BUDGET	% OF BUDGET	FY 2018 ANNUAL BUDGET
School Revenue	_				
Tuition	1,057,461.13	975,000.00	82,461.13	108.5%	1,040,050.00
Discounts & Scholarships	-45,927.72	-50,000.00	4,072.28	91.9%	-53,762.00
Registration Fees	42,443.29	31,500.00	10,943.29	134.7%	33,750.00
Athletic Fees	22,162.00	17,000.00	5,162.00	130.4%	21,000.00
Book Fees	22,950.00	21,000.00	1,950.00	109.3%	21,300.00
Before/After School	81,000.50	75,000.00	6,000.50	108.0%	70,000.00
Donations - Other	5,850.00	5,000.00	850.00	117.0%	3,500.00
Donations - Financial Aid	9,773.00	5,000.00	4,773.00	195.5%	10,000.00
Rental Donations	4,690.00	5,250.00	-560.00	89.3%	5,250.00
Misc. Other Income	14,777.09	11,500.00	3,277.09	128.5%	8,864.00
School/Non Athletic Events	23,884.82	10,500.00	13,384.82	227.5%	12,000.00
Fundraising Activities	78,819.01	85,500.00	-6,680.99	92.2%	81,500.00
Parish School Support	24,959.50	20,000.00	4,959.50	124.8%	20,000.00
Catholic Schools Foundation	23,062.00	24,450.00	-1,388.00	94.3%	23,262.00
School Tax Income	20,464.60	20,464.60	0.00	100.0%	20,464.60
School Income	1,386,369.22	1,257,164.60	129,204.62	110.3%	1,317,178.60
School Expenses					
Compensation	- 693,357.06	687,437.68	5,919.38	100.9%	749,384.00
Employee Benefits	136,617.89	152,068.90	-15,451.01	89.8%	158,039.12
Religious Stipend & Related	58,940.23	59,358.32	-418.09	99.3%	60,200.00
Office & Related	25,283.40	38,730.00	-13,446.60	65.3%	38,950.00
Professional Fees	52,680.50	54,665.00	-1,984.50	96.4%	58,000.00
Teaching Supplies/Textbooks	40,291.81	41,000.00	-708.19	98.3%	40,000.00
Developmental Expenses	26,356.73	30,000.00	-3,643.27	87.9%	24,120.00
Utilities & Maintenance	93,022.74	88,000.00	5,022.74	105.7%	89,581.00
Athletic Program	23,198.20	22,000.00	1,198.20	105.4%	21,000.00
Hospitality	3,377.18	2,800.00	577.18	120.6%	3,100.00
Fundraising/School Events	54,162.29	54,800.00	-637.71	98.8%	51,800.00
Capital Acquisitions/Improvements	13,645.00	15,000.00	-1,355.00	91.0%	12,000.00
School Miscellaneous Expenses	3,549.15	1,200.00	2,349.15	295.8%	1,000.00
Tuition Bad Debt	7,148.71	10,000.00	-2,851.29	71.5%	10,000.00
School Expenses	1,231,630.89	1,257,059.90	-25,429.01	98.0%	1,317,174.12

 Total Income \$1,386,369.22
 Total Expenses \$1,231,630.89
 Net Income \$154,738.33

Total Cash Balances as of June 30, 2017Checking \$268,883.61Savings \$646.44

Dear Parishioners,

With the opening of our Pre-k 3 and Pre-k4 Program in the school year 2016-2017, our enrollment increased to over 230 students. The success of this program and increase in students is the reason that our tuition income was over budget by \$82,461.13.

The above increase in enrollment is the reason our budget is over in the compensation section.

Fundraising Activities were under budget by \$6,680.99 this year because our theme for 2016-2017 was family and community. So our activities centered on family events and opportunities to build community, which sometimes calls for smaller fees and funds.

An example of community was that last September during those oppressively hot days, we asked our parents to donate a used window air-conditioner if they had one just sitting in a basement. Our response was overwhelming! Parents literally went out and purchased new window air-conditioners on their own, thus enabling every classroom to have one. However, 60 years ago when the building was built they didn't install too many electric outlets. So therefore we had to do that at a cost, causing our budget to be over by \$5,022.74.

St. Monica School has a fantastic Athletic Program with all volunteer coaches and Director. We had ten teams this past year – 5 of which were boys teams, and 5 of which were girls teams. So. While the expenses are over budget by \$1,198.20 our income budget was over by \$5,162.00 giving us a surplus of \$3,963.80.

In conclusion, I want to assure you that we take our fiscal responsibilities very seriously and are very proud of our faculty, staff, parents, and students who together try very hard to keep our expenses under budget and at the same time give the best quality education to our students that St. Monica School is able to provide.

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Pax et Bonum

Sr. Suzanne Fondini, mfic

Finance Council: Fr Bill Lohan, David Brown, Richard LaPointe, Tim Lehane, Gary Melville

COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS

Please join us for Tea and Treasure this Thursday, October 12 at 11:30 am in the house at St. Monica's.

The Knights of Columbus will be having a "Public Square Rosary Rally" on the Parish Grounds of St. Monica on Saturday, October 14, at noon. Please join us as we gather to recite the Rosary to Our Blessed Mother for the Spiritual well being of America. "America Needs Fatima" is the sponsor of this Rally, and about 20,000 other Rosary Rallies, that will be taking place at the same time throughout the Country!

There also be will be a Prayer Vigil, led by the Knights, after Eucharistic Adoration, on Friday evening, October 13, in Honor of the 6^{th} Apparition of Our Lady at Fatima.

Prayer Vigil for Unity and Peace Hosted by the Methuen Police Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 pm St. Monica Church Following the service is a light reception in the school hall. Please join us.

Roses for Life at St. Monica's for this week have been donated in loving memory of Michael and Linda Giarrusso and Anthony Castro. If you would like to honor a loved one and support our activities, for a donation of \$10, we'll purchase a rose and place it in the vase before the statue of the Blessed Mother for a week. Please contact the parish office at (978) 683-1193.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US RAISE OVER \$300,000 AT OUR 2017 TELETHON!



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