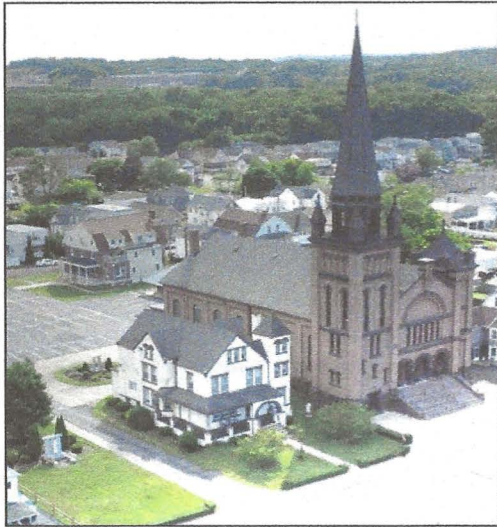


TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 11, 2026



ST. LEO the GREAT PARISH

A Community of Faith Formed by the Union of
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ST. ANDREW PARISH

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St. Leo the Great Mission Statement

We, the members of the Body of Christ of the Parish of St. Leo the Great, in fullness of love of God and Neighbor, wish to affirm our unity in faith, expressed most completely in the celebration of the Eucharist. We continue the work of our founder Jesus Christ in serving all in healing, charity, religious education, promotion of vocations, community involvement and welcoming all to the fullness of faith through the Sacraments.

St. Andrew Mission Statement

We, the people of St. Andrew Parish in Wilkes-Barre, strive to encounter the God who loves us, to remain a community that welcomes strangers as warmly as we do our fellow parishioners, and to become the hands of God in a world in need of divine peace and love.

ST. LEO the GREAT and ST. ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 p.m. (St. Leo, 5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)

Sunday 8:30 a.m. (St. Leo), 11:00 a.m. (St. Andrew)

WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)

HOLY DAYS

Vigil 5:15 p.m. (St. Leo), Day 8:00 a.m. (St. Leo), 5:15 p.m. (St. Andrew)

CONFESSIONS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7:45 a.m. (St. Leo)

Saturday 3:30- p.m. (St. Leo), 5:00 p.m. (St. Andrew)

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Call the Rectory



NEW PARISHIONERS: We, the parishes of St. Leo the Great & St. Andrew, welcome new parishioners to register with our parish by calling the Rectory at (570) 825-6669 or (570) 823-1948 or stop by during office hours. We are handicap accessible. We also invite you to visit our web pages.

PASTOR: REVEREND VINCENT H. DANG

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Office Hours:	Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours:	Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Readings for Sunday October 18, 2026

First Reading: Thus says the Lord to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him. (Isaiah 45:1)

Psalm: Give the Lord glory and honor. (Psalm 96)

Second Reading: We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love. (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)

Gospel: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Matthew 22:21)

OCTOBER, THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: In October, we will recite one decade of the rosary before all weekend Masses. Please come a little bit earlier to pray and honor our Mother Mary.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

ROSARY & CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann Society will meet on Saturday, Oct. 10, to recite the rosary before the 4 p.m. Mass. Members are asked to gather at 3:15 to begin the rosary at 3:30. The crowning of the Blessed Mother will follow the rosary.

ST. LEO ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN SOCIETY MEETING: The Society will meet on Sunday, October 11 at 12:00 Noon in the church hall.

ST. LEO HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING: On Sunday, Oct. 11 after the 8:30 Mass in the Church Hall. All members are invited to attend.

THANK YOU: For your generosity to the Care & Education of Priests Collection. May God bless you abundantly.

OFFICES CLOSED: Office will be closed in both parishes on October 12 in observation of Columbus Day.

HOLY REDEEMER OPEN HOUSE: The Royal Family's opening its doors! Visit Holy Redeemer H.S. on Sunday, Oct. 25, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Discover an enriching, supportive, faith-filled environment where academic excellence and servant leadership are pursued daily. Talk to students, faculty and coaches to learn why you belong in the Holy Redeemer Family. 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., W-B. (570) 829-2424.

ST. LEO 2027 MASS INTENTIONS: Can be requested now during office hours. Please be mindful that there are a limited number of Masses available. In order to be fair to all, there will be a limit of two (2) weekend and three (3) weekday masses per family. A Mass can be requested for multiple people (ex: husband & wife or mother, father & brother). Thank you for your understanding.

ST. ANDREW 2027 MASS INTENTIONS: Can be scheduled now. Because St. Andrew only has Mass on weekends and holydays, there is a limit of two (2) mass requests per family. A Mass can be requested for multiple people (ex: husband & wife or mother, father & brother). Thank you for your understanding.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL) 2026/2027: This is "Our Call to Serve" the vital work of assisting those who come to us as Church for help. Contributions of any size are gratefully accepted, and a pledge can be paid over several months. The goals for this year are: St. Leo the Great - \$43,186.00 (St. Leo \$18,635.00 to date); St. Andrew - \$18,874.00 (St. Andrew \$1,585.00 to date). Thank you for answering the call.

ST. LEO EMHCs, LECTORS & YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS: The Mass schedule for 10/10 to 11/15 is ready in the Sacristy. Please get a replacement if you cannot serve when you are scheduled. Notify Toni at (570) 868-8215 or alrisc@hotmail.com with any special requests or if you can no longer serve. Thank you.

CALLING ALL LECTORS, ALTAR SERVERS, AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: On Sunday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m., the St. Leo Choir is planning an Advent Evening Service "From Darkness to Light." We need volunteers from both St. Leo and St. Andrew Parishes. No speaking parts for altar servers and Eucharistic Ministers! Please call Mary Anne Malone (570) 709-4963 for more information or to volunteer.

ST. ANDREW AFGHAN RAFFLE: Now through November 22. The afghan is handmade by Kathy Smith, is approximately 6' by 6' and can be seen on the ticket table. Tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00 and are available before and after Masses in the church vestibule and at the church office.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: George Abraham, Joan Abraham, Helen Alansky, James Alansky, Karen Alber, Susie Ambrose, Eugene Antos, Arthur Arellano, Bonnie Balakier, Fred Balester, Bailey Barnds, Mary Jo Bath, Alice Battista, Bernard Behm, George Belanchik, Terri Belanchik, Dorothy Belardinelli, Ed Beleski, Marlene Beleski, Jared & Debbie Bellas, Dr. Barry Bernstein, Stella Bobrowski, Robert Bozek, Louise Brant, Valerie Brody, Chloe Brown, David Bukoski, Jr., Vivian Grace Busardo, Pat C., Judy Cannon, Thomas & Louise Cavanaugh, Jackson Chapasko, John Chernesky, Michael Corcoran, Dylan Culp, Phillip Davenport, Joann Davis, Lorraine DeMarino, John Devaney, Janice Divers, Laura Dorshefski, Joseph Dreier, JoAnn Dudeck, Maureen Ehret, Jonathan Elick, David Evanko, Fadden & Alfano Families, Molly Eysers, Patricia Mager Feifer, Christopher Fee, Marion Ferguson, David Fisher, Jean Flanley, Regina Fillman, Catherine Gallagher, Carolyn Gaughen, Lois Gdovin, Mary Ann Gildea, Denise Gillis, Helen Gist, Roslyn Glynn, Daniel Gold, Thomas Gorman, Quinn Gorman, Raymond Griffin, Molly Griffiths, Pam Grimes, Nicole Halversen, Karen Hannis, Ann Marie Harley, Jo Hart, Renee Hess, Mary Himmel, Mary Hoffman, Margaret Hurley, Jody, Ruth Kackauskas, Brian Kelly, Frank Kempf, Thomas Mark Kinney, Abigail Klass, Chris Klau, Lori Kledaras, Jerry Korey, Charles Koulik Jr., Marie Koulik, Teresa Kucharski, Joseph Kulbaski, Martha Kush, Nikki La Benda, Maryann Lavan, Cathy Linker, Cinde Linker, Rachel Lohman, Ed & Janet Lopez, Janice Lord, Robert Lusk, Loren Mankey, Jodie Martin, Richard Masaniello, Kylie Huegen Matthews, Barbara Mazur, Lauren McDonald, Jesse Mendoza, Paul Milford, Jaque Misunas, John Misunas, Christopher Mortensen, Terry Murphy, Lois O'Hara, Lenny Okuniewski, Betty Oldfield, Julie Olenak, William Owen, Christine Owens, John Pac, Mary Louise Pahler, Maria Parra, Patricia Pascoe, Janet Peake, Mary Kay Pettinger, Eileen Phillips, Brian Pollick, Margaret Prestas, Paul Pryor, David Pudlosky, Dan R., Benjamin Rae, Michael Ralston, Tom Ralston, Bobby Ramage, Donna Ransom, Dale Rapson, Marie Lu Reininger, Ron Reudink, Barbara Reudink, Justin Reudink, The Reynolds Family, Cleo Rosemond, Libby Rush, Florence Ryder, Nick Santana, Josh Schlegel, Karl Schwab, Maddox Sebastian, Michael Sedon, Joyce Seiger, Helen Semanski, Theresa Shrader, Cynthia Sickler, Margaret Sipple, Ed Sively, Neil Smith, Tom Smith, Frank Sorokach, Joyce Squerciati, Nico Stavish, Tony Straka, Ayden Swantek, Jim Thomas, Justin Thompson, Hortencia Torres, George Warman, Elaine Warman, Barbara Wasilewski, Edward Wasilewski, Elizabeth Wasilewski, Anna Wegrzynowicz, Bob Weidow, Jean Wiernusz, Cameron Wilson, Mary Wisniewski, Maria Wujik, Patty Zukoski and all the faithful departed, especially Charlotte Neupauer, Thomas "Tommy" Clarke and Lucille Schneikart. If you know someone who is ill or who needs prayers, call either rectory.

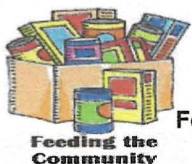
RESPECT LIFE MONTH NOVENA: All are invited to join Catholics around the country who will participate in the Respect Life Month Novena from October 22 - 30. Visit respectlife.org for more information.

ST. LEO VETERANS' COLLECTION: The St. Vincent De Paul Society and the St. Leo Confirmation candidates are co-sponsoring a "personal items" drive from Oct. 24 - Nov. 15, 2026, for the military veterans who are residents at the VA facility in Wilkes-Barre. Requested items will be collected each week and the entire collection will be delivered to the residents during the week following Veterans' Day. Items should be placed in the Veterans' Bin located in the vestibule. **Items requested for Oct. 24/25: shower gel, body wash (no bar soap), deodorant, powder and hand sanitizers.**

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When God extends an invitation, we don't always respond promptly. So, what's the hold-up? Let's examine our lives for anything that delays our RSVP. This is one party we can't afford to miss.

NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR: It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570) 862-7551.



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Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

Weekly Collection
10/4/2026

St. Leo: \$11,389.00

Care of Priests: \$475.00

St. Andrew: \$2,143.00

2nd Collection: \$535.00

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK at ST. LEO and ST. ANDREW

Monday, October 12	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Kathryn Cavanaugh	Son, David
Tuesday, October 13	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Joseph P. McDonald	Rita McDonald & Family
Wednesday, October 14	No Mass		
Thursday, October 15	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	Patrick J. & Ellen Clarke	The Clarke Family
Friday, October 16	8:00 a.m. (St. Leo)	John Cavanaugh	Brother, David
Saturday, October 17	4:00 p.m. (St. Leo)	Robbie Nardone	Family
	5:30 p.m. (St. Andrew)	Constance Sclafani	Mike & Rachel Young
Sunday, October 18	8:30 a.m. (St. Leo)	Joseph Yedlock, Jr.	St. Leo Cyrenians
	11:00 a.m. (St. Andrew)	Donald & Rita Martin	Family

A SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Memory of Joseph P. McDonald by Rita McDonald & Family; In Loving Memory of Robbie Nardone by Mom, Dad, Sara & Jordan; In Memory of Charlotte Neupauer by Lynn Cole.

A SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): In Memory of Helene Sirak by Daughters, Mickie & Helene.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Loving Memory of the Deceased Members of the Dean Family by Bernadette Druby; In Memory of Chris Featherstone by Molly, Ken & Family; In Loving Memory of David Zula by his Mother; For Prayers and Blessings of Fred Balester; For Healing & Blessing for Lori Kledaras by Sister, Mary Anne; In Loving Memory of Robbie Nardone by his Aunts, Uncles & Cousins; In Loving Memory of Kathy & Stacy Ann Galardi by Booker, Jeffrey and Alessa.

A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): In Memory of Stephen J. Yenchak, Wizda, Yenchak, Matsko & Machonis Families and Edward & Irene Polchin by Steve & Mary Yenchak.

A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. LEO): In Loving Memory of Jim Londergan by his Wife, Francie; In Memory of Zach Kollar by his Grandparents Dorothy & Dominick Ferro; In Memory of Chris Featherstone by John, In Memory of James J. Brislin, III by the Nilon Family, In Loving Memory of Louie Thomas by Carole Kneal & Gary Burczy.

A ST. JOSEPH CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK (ST. ANDREW): In Memory of Michael Dantone by Helen Semanski.

To dedicate a candle for someone, please call the Rectory. St. Leo (570) 825-6669 or St. Andrew (570) 823-1948. Offering is \$10.

ST. ANDREW KAFFEE KLATCH: Every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. It's a chance to get together and share stories, experiences and laughter! The rectory supplies the coffee. All are welcome!

ST. ANDREW CROCHETING & KNITTING GROUP: Meets Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. We are currently creating lap blankets to be distributed to local nursing facilities, and a stack of scarves to prepare for the winter weather. We welcome more generous hands and hearts to our group.

ST. ANDREW OUTSIDE FOOD PANTRY: Please help keep our food pantry on the side of the Church stocked with **non-perishable** items. Thank you!

ST. LEO ADULT FAITH FORMATION: We started Monday, Sept. 14. Our current Bible Study is **Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom**. We meet on Mondays from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Future dates are: 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9 & 11/16.

PRAYER LIST: As you can see, our prayer list is growing. If there is someone you placed on the prayer list who has now recovered, please call the rectory at St. Leo (570) 825-6669 or St. Andrew (570) 823-1948 to have his/her name removed from the list. Thank you.

CEMETERY ENVELOPES: Please be generous. St. Leo the Great Parish is responsible for maintaining Holy Family, St. Charles and Saints Peter & Paul Cemeteries. Thank you.

ST. ANDREW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 10, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Kathy Smith; **E.M.:** Margaret Sharksnas; **Altar Server:** Patti Martin.

Sunday, October 11, 11:00 a.m.: Lectors: Ken Yanora, Tino Altavilla; **E.M.:** Colleen Yanora; **Altar Servers:** Josh, Xander & Nick Lutz.

Saturday, October 17, 5:30 p.m.: Lector: Steve Yenchak; **E.M.:** Mesa Ashton; **Altar Server:** Helene.

Sunday, October 18, 11:00 a.m.: Lectors: Patrick, Megan, Nick Lutz; **E.M.:** Colleen Jorda; **Altar Servers:** Melissa, Helene.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

Our CCD Motto is "MASS AND CLASS or CLASS AND MASS"

ST. LEO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: For the 2026-2027 academic year began on Sunday, Sept. 13. They take place in the parish education center from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Online and in-person class registration is currently available. Please be aware that students in Catholic schools who are due to receive First Penance, First Communion or Confirmation **MUST** receive these sacraments at their own parish. They do not receive them as part of a school community. Even though these students will not attend weekly religious education classes here, they must complete the same registration forms referenced above so we have the necessary information to verify eligibility. If you have any questions, please contact Michele Casey at (570) 760-9793. Thank you.

2027 SAVE THE DATES: First Penance, Saturday, February 6 at 11:00 a.m.; First Holy Communion, Saturday, May 1 at 11:00 a.m.; Confirmation, Thursday, April 22 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Faustina, Nanticoke.

ST. ANDREW CCD: CCD Classes began on Sunday, Sept. 20. Classes meet from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. in the rectory. New drop-off and pick-up procedures have been implemented. Please refer to the e-mail sent by Kristi Gibson for details. You may contact Kristi at (570) 417-2505 with questions. Thank you.

The following parishioners have volunteered to be CCD Catechists: Alaina Lutz (Gr. K & 1); Judy Flaherty (Gr. 2); Kristi Gibson (Gr. 3 & 4); Nicholas Lutz (Gr. 5 & 6); Pete Bonczewski (Gr. 7 & 8). Substitutes are Tracie Bradshaw, Cheryl Gibson, Helene Skopek-Krygier and Teacher's Aide Patrick Bradshaw. We thank them for their service.

2027 SAVE THE DATES: First Penance, Saturday, February 20 at 10:00 a.m.; First Holy Communion, Sunday, May 2 at 11:00 a.m.; Confirmation, Thursday, April 22 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Faustina, Nanticoke.

TENTS & TREATS at ST. LEO: The annual Tents & Treats Halloween Celebration, sponsored by the combined parish societies of St. Leo and our religious education program, will take place on Sunday, 10/25/2026, beginning with the 8:30 a.m. Mass. **ALL CHILDREN** of the parish from infant to 8th grade, are invited to participate in costume. After Mass, Father will bless the children in the front of the main altar. Then, they'll gather in the rear parking area for the Halloween activities (costume contest, prizes, treats, and refreshments). Parents and families are invited to join their children for Mass and all the Tents and Treats events. Anyone who wishes to donate candy or other Halloween surprises should contact the rectory.

ST. ANDREW YOUTH GROUP PIZZA PARTY - HELP SHAPE OUR NEW PROGRAM!: All 9th - 12th grade students are invited to a Youth Group Pizza Party on Sunday, October 18 from 12 - 2 p.m. in the church basement. Help us build a Youth Group that reflects your interests, your voice and your faith journey. All teens are welcome; you do not need to be a member of St. Andrew to participate. To help us plan, please RSVP to Kristi Gibson at ccd@standrewwilkesbarre.org.

OUR LADY OF HOPE CASH/GIFT CARD BINGO: The Christian Women will be hosting a Cash/Gift Card Bingo on October 18 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. in Ave Maria Hall, 40 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre. Doors open at Noon. Admission is \$20. in advance (\$25. at the door). Come join the fun. Gift baskets, instant bingo and refreshments will be available. For tickets or more info, call Andrea (570) 606-7463 or Sue (570) 852-5303.

69th ANNUAL NOVENA TO ST. JUDE: Communion of Saints Parish in Pittston will continue this traditional novena to St. Jude, patron saint of hopeless causes. Novena starts on Monday, Oct. 19 and ends on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude on Wednesday, Oct. 28. All masses and services will be held at St. Mary Help of Christians Church, 535 N. Main Street, Pittston. The blessing with the relic of St. Jude will take place after all Masses and services. For more information and for Mass and service times, please contact the Communion of Saints parish office at (570) 654-0053.

COMMUNION OF SAINTS PARISH CRAFT FAIR: On Saturday, Nov. 7 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Center of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 237 William St., Pittston. Lunch will be available for purchase, and there will be up to 30 vendors. The Craft Fair is sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Please contact craftypattiec@gmail.com for applications.

PERPETUAL NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL: Every Monday after 8 a.m. Mass at St. Leo Church the Novena will be prayed. Please come to honor our Blessed Virgin Mary.

DEVOTIONS IN HONOR OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS: Every First Friday of the Month we will have devotions in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus following 8 a.m. Mass at St. Leo Church.

ST. LEO COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion from St. Leo's take Holy Communion to the sick/homebound the first Sunday of every month after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please advise family members or friends who cannot attend Mass that an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion can bring the Lord Jesus to them. Anyone wishing to receive Communion may call Kathy Snyder 570-814-4138. Communion is distributed on the first Sunday of the month. Thank you. **HOSPITAL/HOME VISITS:** If you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound and wish a visit from Father Dang, please call the rectory (570) 825-6669 (St. Leo) or (570) 823-1948 (St. Andrew). Due to HIPAA regulations, hospitals will not provide us the names of our parishioners. Father Dang wants to make sure that his parishioners are visited and blessed when they are ill. He will be happy to hear confessions when requested. Thank you.

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