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WEEKEND SERVICES

Saturday 5:00 PM – Holy Eucharist–Rite II
 Sunday 8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist–Rite II
 Sunday 10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist–Rite II

WEEKDAY SERVICES IN THE CHAPEL

Tuesday
 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist

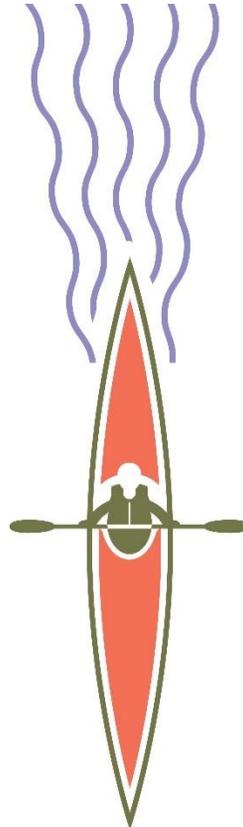
SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

- First Sunday in Lent, *March 1*
- St. Augustine Class, *March 4*
- Lenten Supper / Prayer Study, *March 4*
- Second Sunday in Lent, *March 8*
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, *March 8*
- St. Augustine Class, *March 11*
- Lenten Supper / Prayer Study, *March 11*
- Third Sunday in Lent, *March 15*
- St. Augustine Class, *March 18*
- Lenten Supper / Prayer Study, *March 18*
- First day of spring, *March 19*
- Fourth Sunday in Lent, *March 22*
- St. Augustine Class, *March 25*
- Lenten Supper / Prayer Study, *March 25*
- Fifth Sunday in Lent, *March 29*
- St. Augustine, *April 1*
- Lenten Supper / Prayer Study, *April 1*

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to spread the gospel of Christ in thought, word, and deed to our community and the world.

Paddling Through Lent—and Life



Lent is a time for restoring balance to our lives. The Eskimos practice balance as they venture into freezing Arctic waters in little boats. If you've ever paddled a kayak, you know how easy they are to tip. Thankfully, kayaks are just as easy to turn back upright.

That isn't a bad image for Lent — or for life as a whole. Whatever spiritual disciplines we adopt, if we succumb to temptation, it's no biggie. One of the lessons of Lent is that, as long as we're traveling light, it takes only a quick twist of the paddle to right us. That paddle twist might take the form of a quick but heartfelt prayer: "Jesus, set me straight again!" Or it might mean some extra time set aside for quiet meditation with God. Don't get worried if your spiritual discipline fails now and then. Just let Jesus help you get upright once more, and keep paddling!

—adapted from Carlos Wilton, in *Homiletics*



**TUESDAY
 MARCH 10**
 12:00 NOON

Jonathan Pryer from Sayville Library speaking about all our library has to offer.

No charge, but as usual, please bring donation for the food pantry



FROM THE EDITOR

The season of Lent has begun, and while we all aspire to be devoted, active, helpful people, sometimes the chaos of the world today seems all too much. And we aspire to help with all of it! But remember that we all have our special talents, and we don't have to fix everything! It is true in a somber season that our thoughts turn to things that worry us—our family issues, health matters, politics, the economy... but we also have to take care of ourselves. One of the ways we can celebrate Lent is to turn your attitude towards kindness and understanding. Little acts of kindness can cheer up our own days as well as those of others. On Tuesday nights after choir rehearsal, we have a prayer circle and we pray for the sick, the sad, the worried, and the vulnerable. But it's such a nice feeling when we hear prayers of gratitude—for healing, for good fortune, for a new baby, an engagement or wedding, a new job, a college acceptance...sometimes we forget those prayers. And yet, how they lift our spirits! I wish you a good Lenten season and some good discussions with Fr. Brian at noon on Wednesdays and with Fr. Hugh at the Lenten Soup Suppers. One of the things I'm thankful for is the opportunity to discuss all these terrible and wonderful things with friends. It makes them more manageable.

-Rodney Dudley

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A Word from the Interim Rector Father Hugh James



Thoughts About Lent

Dear Friends,

As we approach Lent, I'd like to suggest that this is a good time to reflect on our own spiritual journey, and notice the times where God has been particularly real and present for us. What can we learn from those times to support us where we are now? What are the experiences and the occasions when I have known God in a very real sense? When have I experienced God's presence and love in tangible ways? And how can I use those experiences to strengthen my relationship with God now?

Those are the kind of questions I would encourage you to ask during Lent. The answers, of course, will be different for each one of us, as our experiences and personalities are all different. For some, closeness with God may be achieved by gathering together with other Christians in a noisy and energetic service of praise, with movement and dance and lots of singing. For others God's presence may be found in quiet and peace, in stillness and meditation; in retreating from the noise and busyness of our world, and spending time alone in quiet reflection. It is not that one approach is right and the other wrong. They are simply different. Each one of us finds our own way to be with God and to listen to God's voice. A wise spiritual director once said, "Pray as you can, not as you can't."

I first went on a retreat as an 18-year-old schoolboy. It was then that I learned to use the Jesus Prayer ("Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner") as an aid to meditation, repeating it over and over in time with my breathing. At the time it was simply something I learned, but to which I paid little attention. Over 40 years later, I know that this simple method of prayer has influenced my life in so many ways. I am and always will be, grateful to the Franciscan friar who taught me to pray in that way.

An encounter with God cannot, of course, be arranged in advance and programmed. Retreats and quiet days don't always achieve what we hope. We might arrive with a pile of spiritual classics, intending to read them all, and find instead that we succumb to a good sleep in the afternoon or a long walk. The retreat may be a pivotal life-changing experience, or it may be very ordinary and not feel at all special, but if we are open and attentive to God, it will never be wasted. It may be years later that we realize the value of something we hardly noticed at the time.

This Lent, I will be leading a course on "How to Pray" following our Wednesday Soup Suppers. I hope that this will not just be a time of my talking, but of our sharing together how we have experienced God and God's love. I pray that we will find new ways to pray, and learn to appreciate more of the depth of the Christian traditions which we have inherited. I particularly hope that people who have found prayer difficult will come; and, God willing, they will leave with a renewed sense of falling in love with God, and excited for the journey that lies ahead of them.

With all best wishes for Lent,

Hugh James+

As Lent begins, I pray, Lord, that you will help it be a season of spiritual growth for me and for your whole church. Amen.

Vestry Visions

Going Green

Our kitchen in the Parish Hall is shared by us all. We have all enjoyed the updated facility, whether it be for coffee hour after the service, the Senior Luncheon, the pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday, soup suppers during Lent, brunch at the Annual Meeting, or one of the many social gatherings throughout the year. Something that would benefit us all would be to follow some basic guidelines for its use. Please take a look at the list on the next page. If we all follow these simple rules, it will be easier for everyone.

By now, you may have seen our new ceramic mugs at coffee hour. Hopefully, you are enjoying them. We are trying to get rid of the Styrofoam and other single-use plastics that are currently in our kitchen. We use plastic stirrers, utensils, bags, food wrap, and more. If we could eliminate those things, we would be much more eco-friendly. There are alternatives available that we will be purchasing in the future.

We own full sets of dishes, silverware, glasses, cups, bowls, etc. They are stored in our cabinets in the kitchen. It is strongly recommended that we use them regularly. There are two dishwashers in our kitchen that have plenty of room and work beautifully. This way we can phase out paper plates, cups, and plastic utensils and really make a difference in our environment.

Currently we have a recycle bin for bottles and cans that can be returned to the store for the deposit. It is located in the Parish Hall. In the near future, there will be new bins for paper and plastic set up as well. Please take advantage of these recycling opportunities wherever possible.

Our Vestry members, along with most others in the congregation, are concerned about our environment. We love our beautiful home that God has given us, and we would like to keep it that way—not only for ourselves, but for our children, grandchildren, and further descendants. That is why we feel it is important to “Go Green.” God has told us to care for our earth, and we should heed His word. Let us reduce the waste and not squander the amazing resources our Lord has provided for us. Join us in saving our planet, one small step at a time.

Sincerely,

Diane Miller-Magnani for the Vestry

	Interim Rector: The Rev. Hugh James			
	Wardens:		2021 Thomas Honey	2022 Nancy Koinoglou
	Vestry:	2021	Wendy Schmittzeh	Carol Ann St. Lawrence
			John Smith	Mona Tobin
		2022	Greg Domoff	Paddy Hennessey
			Jill Hughes	Nicole LaFontaine
		2023	Donald Hester	Diane Miller-Magnani
			Patricia Osarchuk	Carole Sheppard

KITCHEN USE CHECKLIST

If you are using the kitchen for any reason, *PLEASE* check the following guidelines!

- Wash all pots, dishes, cups, utensils, etc., and put them back where you found them.
- Wipe all surfaces clean, including counters, island, and stove.
- If the dishwasher is used, empty it after washing is complete (even if you have to come back another day), and put away the contents. (Coffee Hour is the exception. Make sure you run the dishwasher, but you do not have to come back to empty it. It will be taken care of).
- Take home all pot holders, drying towels, and table cloths that were used, wash them, and return them to the kitchen.
- Remove all food not consumed. (We do NOT want to feed the ants!) Unopened items can be donated to the Food Pantry. Open items should be sent home with either the kitchen crew or guests from the event. NOTHING should be left in the refrigerator or freezer.
- If you use on-hand staples, such as coffee, and supplies are low after your event, write the items on the shopping list board.
- Make sure all trash is placed in the various available garbage cans or is taken out to the dumpster.
- Make sure all windows and doors are closed and locked when you leave, and all lights are turned off.



THANKS
for your
cooperation

We need to work together so we can all enjoy the kitchen



EASTER BASKET MINISTRY

With your support, St. Ann's Food Pantry will be distributing Easter Food Baskets to our neighbors in need. If you, or somebody you know, would benefit from receiving an Easter Basket, please contact the church office 631-589-6522 or Lynette Schulz 631-472-2235 by March 20th.

We will again use a Giving Tree to collect food donations. Please choose items from the Giving Tree (located in the Parish Hall) and return the items to the church. If you choose to purchase a ham, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet along with your phone number.

***** WE NEED ALL DONATIONS BY MARCH 29TH *****

If you are interested in participating:

- Food donation - tags in Parish Hall
- Adopt-a-Basket \$50
- Grocery shop week of March 30th (We are always in need of shoppers!)
- Assemble and deliver on Palm Sunday, April 5th

THE Thrift Shop

Julius Caesar, as represented in Shakespeare's tragedy, was warned by a soothsayer to 'beware the Ides of March.' But for St. Ann's Thrift Shop, the only thing we need to beware of is not having enough volunteers to do the work of sorting, tagging, hanging and the never-ending work that running a thrift shop entails!

We have approximately 30 consistent volunteers with an average age between 65 and 89. Even though the spirit is willing, the body sometimes runs out of energy, gets sick, and just generally cannot keep up with the work load. To put it bluntly, we NEED volunteers. Please, anyone that can give a few hours even one day a week would be a blessing. Even if you have a neighbor, relative or friend that is looking to meet some lovely ladies and do some good at the same time, please have them call Nanci, or myself--Elsie, at 631-589-6220, we will take it from there. Don't forget the young people that may need to do Community Service for communion obligations, extra credit for school, Boy or Girl Scouts. They do not need to be a member of the church, all are welcome.



Now on to other Thrift Shop news. We anticipate with the warmer weather approaching the donations will increase. Spring Cleaning being what it is, we are gearing up for it. At the end of March, we have a store-wide sale to purge the winter items. The last week we will remove all the leftover winter items and replenish the racks using all of the spring items we have saved in the basement all winter long. It will be wonderful to see the spring colors and airy clothes again!



Of course, our holiday section is constantly updated with appropriate holiday items about a month before the actual holiday. Valentine flags, cups, wreathes, and heart themed items flew out the door, and now we have St. Patrick's Day items going fast. Easter is also displayed since it falls early this year.



So, in closing, please do what you can to help alleviate our volunteer needs. The Thrift Shop needs to continue our much-needed outreach. **-Elsie Flanagan**



Soup Supper & Bible Study on Wednesday Evenings

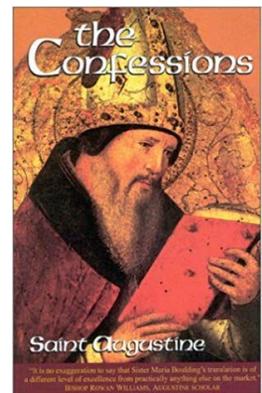
Please join us on Wednesdays in Lent, beginning March 4 and ending April 1 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM for our traditional Soup Supper/Bible Study program. This year, Fr. Hugh will lead a program on how to pray.

We need people to sign up for soup making on the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.

A Lenten Course on Augustine's Confessions

Fr. Brian will be teaching a course on this classical work of Christian Literature during Lent. The class will meet in the Littlejohn Bldg. on Wednesdays in Lent, starting March 4th and ending April 1st. They will start **promptly at 12:00 PM** with Noonday Prayer. Please pick up your own copy of *Confessions* before the first class, or contact Fr. Brian if this would be a financial hardship. Also feel free to bring a sack lunch.

Wednesdays in Lent at 12:00 Noon



Sayville Climate Group

Anyone who attends Coffee Hour has now seen our new St. Ann's coffee mugs! The aim is to reduce our Styrofoam waste output. And coffee tastes better in a mug too! This is one of the projects of the new Sayville Climate Group (thanks to Diane Miller-Magnani and Jill Hughes), which meets first and third Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the Littlejohn Building.



The group is made up of "A group of concerned citizens looking to make grassroots changes in light of the climate crisis. Looking to raise awareness and find ways for people in our community to reduce their carbon footprints and persuade local businesses to do the same." You can read more and ask questions or join the discussion on their new Facebook page "Sayville Climate Group."



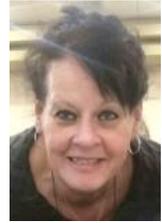
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LOCAL MISSIONS

PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY MINISTRY

By Mary Mattarella (631-745-3745)
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Dear Friends,



Sunshine on Saturday, Feb. 22, in Patchogue. Friends new and old, and total joy sharing the generous donations from my church family at St Ann's, Special thanks to Paddy Hennessey, and her lovely sister, who worked tirelessly to provide much needed

Pampers, formula, baby food and baby supplies. Also, a very special thanks to my dear friend Jackie Walker, who generously donated beautiful brand-new condition shoes and lots of purses! Our working

poor of Long Island, truly appreciate your kindness. Patchogue is a great local location, if you would kindly consider trying it! My friend Rick Magnani made the work fun!



P.S. --We have a local man, who needs 4X sweatpants, and a lady who needs a black 3X hoodie for when she collects cans outdoors. If you have any of these items for donation, please let me know! After the time in Patchogue, I was off to Brentwood and Central Islip! So many people need help. Love to all,

The Very Festive Mary



PBJ EASTER GIFTS

We have 200 baskets which have been donated for homeless and working poor kids on Long Island, and we are looking to fill them with small Easter items, such as wrapped candy and Dollar Store toys. Any and all donations are welcome. You can leave them in the white bin in the Parish Hall or in the Littlejohn Building. Thank you!

No Food, No Shelter: Homelessness Increasing on Long Island

<https://longislandreport.org/news/no-food-no-shelter-homelessness-increasing-on-long...>

Nov 17, 2011 · There were about **3,330 homeless people on Long Island**, a 3.4 percent increase from 2010, according to data from the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless. In 2016, there were 3,937.

The Working Poor on Long Island

<https://www.newsday.com/long-island/li-s-poverty...>

According to the report, the 6.7 percent poverty rate for Nassau and Suffolk in 2015 alone, the latest year for which data is available, was "the highest level of poverty reported by the U.S. Census Bureau for the Long Island region since the official government poverty series began in 1959.



VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE



SHROVE TUESDAY



The Choir held their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 25th. Thank you to all who volunteered and attended our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. It was a great success! 120 pancake dinners were cooked by our choir members and their family members. Our Youth Group served as the waitstaff and did an amazing job. [Photos: Laura Sanchez]

Lent has begun: a time for both walking with Jesus toward the cross and being strengthened in our faith and knowledge of God.

PARISH PROFILE



SEARCH COMMITTEE

Our search process for a new rector has moved into the next phase with the publication of our Parish Profile. This is the document describing the church to any interested candidates. It can be seen by following the link on our website. Congratulations and thanks to the Search Committee and the Writing Committee who produced it.

Prayer for the Search Committee

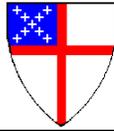
Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on St. Ann's and so hear the prayers of the parish family as we look to you for guidance in our search for a new Rector. We pray that you will lead to us a faithful pastor, who will care for us and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE



The Outreach Committee, which meets once a month to coordinate our various outreach ministries met on February 24 and were joined by Mary Beth Walsh, the Executive Director of Episcopal Ministries for the LI Diocese. Mary Beth was able to offer us information on various resources and ideas from other parishes that she deals with in the Diocese.



NOTES

ST. ANN'S COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020

Following the 10:00 AM Service (11:30)

Refreshments! Prizes! All are Welcome!



OUR DAILY BREAD

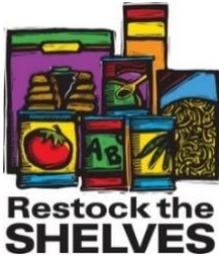
Monday & Thursday, from 10:00 AM -12:00 Noon

The food pantry is especially in need of these supplies.

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*Look for the Easter Food Basket "Giving Tree"
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Christian Yoga

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Thursdays at 1:00 in the Parish Hall

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Fourth Wednesday Lunch & Meditation

Join us at Peg Costanzo's house every 4th Wednesday of the month at 12:30 PM for a meditation group, which meets at Peg's home in Patchogue. Bring your lunch and enjoy some conversation, scripture reading, prayer, and meditation. Great for relaxing and dealing with stress!

The next date is:

March 25th

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Celebrating
An Anniversary This Month

MARCH
Anniversaries

1	William & Joyce Hamilton	15	Craig & Kristen LoNigro	30	Brian & Renee Chalmers
5	Kenneth & Linda Herbert	26	Edward & Deborah Schneider		

MARCH
Birthdays

1	Peg Flanagan	12	Edward Moran	19	Marade Bergen	27	Marlena Espinoza
	Mary Jean Lap-Bohanick	13	Lynne Abrams		Jason Cole		Mary Mattarella
3	Nancy Leuly		Sally Stoll-DePompeo		Cynthia Houdek		Joan Palmieri
4	Sebastian Cole		Luis Vasquez		Erin MacDonell	28	Victoria Barone
5	Brendan Mattimore	14	Patrick Cavanagh		Judith Meyer	28	Philip DePompeo
6	Jared Bergen		Gail Ditmar		Karly Walch		Eric Gustafson
7	Ann Marie Hlavac	15	Meaghan Gandolfo	23	Florence Chase		Sharon Vander Borgh
	Lauren Waters		Stephanie Gandolfo		Benjamin O'Connell	29	Robert Gaito
	Miranda Waters		Taylor Whitehouse	24	Nicole LaFontaine	30	Jennifer Lasko
8	Jason Walsh	16	Robert Honey	25	Ron Sanchez		Leah Vander Borgh
12	Ashley Byrnes	17	Lori Svendsen	26	Jill Hughes	31	Wyatt Reksten

These names are offered each month as an opportunity to extend to our brothers and sisters the love of Christ on these special days and to express our thanks for the gift of their presence in our midst. They are also offered as an opportunity to pray for each one of these individuals and couples on these significant days in their lives.

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Our Church History



By Connie Currie

❖ The Garden of the Unforgotten

DR. ANNE FRENCH
Section 50 – Plot 2 – South Half

MRS. AMELIA FRIEMAN
Section 44– Lot 11

Dr. Anne C. French, 53 years of age, a child psychologist and physiologist of Madison Street, Blue Point, died on a Monday in mid-December 1966 in Southside Hospital, Bay Shore.

Dr. French, a PhD in Physiology, was formerly an instructor in physiology at New York University and Hunter College. At the time of her death, she was a staff psychologist at the Suffolk County Mental Health Board Clinic at Farmingdale.

Dr. French's funeral service took place at 11:00 AM in Sayville, followed by burial in St. Ann's Cemetery.

Mrs. Amelia Frieman died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Otto, in the first week of February 1899. She had died of heart failure at the age of 72 years.

Mrs. Frieman was born in Germany in 1826 and has resided 42 years in this country. Three children, Mrs. Otto; William Frieman, proprietor of the Frieman House; and Charles Frieman, proprietor of the Bayport Bottling Works, survive her.

The funeral took place from the German Lutheran Church on Green Avenue, Sayville, of which she was a member, the Rev. Herman Zoller officiating. Burial was in St. Ann's Cemetery.

Joy Seekers

In northern Minnesota several years ago, some women formed a "joy circle." They settled into a routine of meeting every couple of weeks to share joys they've noticed. Their aim, amid our troubled world and chaotic lives, is to deliberately focus on the positive. The women don't simply hope to stumble upon good news among the outrage, bitterness and tragedy surrounding us; they actively seek out joy and report it to the group.

Joy

Joy is a fruit of the spirit named in Galatians 5:22-23. As Christians, we don't ignore or dismiss life's struggles and sorrows, and neither do joy-circle participants. But God promises that life is stronger than death, and Jesus' resurrection is proof. With the Holy Spirit's help, we can make a spiritual discipline of seeking and sharing joy — and thanking God for it. (Visit joycircles.network online to learn more).



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The rooster is reminiscent of Peter's threefold denial of Jesus on the night of Jesus' trial (Matthew 26:34, NIV); thus; it may represent faithlessness in general, especially in the face of danger. Because of the rooster's early-morning call, it's also symbolic of watchfulness: "Therefore keep watch," said Jesus, illustrating the return of the Son of Man, "because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back — whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn" (Mark 13:35, NIV).

AROUND SAINT ANN'S Monthly Schedule

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Sundays

8:00 AM—Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM—Sunday School
10:00 AM—Holy Eucharist
7:30 PM—AA Meeting

Mondays

10:00AM—12:00 PM Food Pantry
6:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—Mar. 9
6:00 PM—Mission & Outreach—Mar. 16
8:00 PM—AA Meeting

Tuesdays

8:00 AM—Men's Group
9:00 AM—Holy Eucharist
6:00 PM—Children's Choir
7:00 PM—Adult Choir

Wednesdays

9:30 AM—12:00 PM Operation Hope
10:00 AM-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open

Thursdays

10:00 AM—AA Meeting
10:00 AM—12:00 PM Food Pantry
10:00 AM-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open
8:00 PM—AA Meeting

Fridays

12:00-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open

Saturday

10:00 AM-3:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open
5:00 PM—Holy Eucharist



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