

PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Twenty - Six Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 28, 2008

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SUNDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

DAILY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 11:00 a.m. until final penitent is finished

BAPTISM

On Sunday twice a month after parental interview

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Twice a year in a communal celebration
Individually upon request

MATRIMONY

Saturday weddings at 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m.
Notification at least 6 months in advance

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday at 12:00 noon

SECOND COLLECTION AT TODAY'S LITURGIES

We have been invited by Bishop Zubik to take up a voluntary second collection at all the liturgies TODAY for Disaster Relief in the Diocese of Galveston-Houston, as well as the countries of the Caribbean. Our beloved Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, formerly a priest of our own Diocese, has indicated his gratitude for our offer of assistance to the people in his Diocese who have suffered severely.

The funds will be sent to the Catholic Relief Services of the Cardinal's Diocese and will be disbursed based on local assessment of needs. The recent damage caused by Hurricane Ike has placed the people of his Diocese in a horrible situation. We are asked to be a generous in this collection, even though there is not an envelope in our packet.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN THE PARISH

In the document "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" the Bishops of the United States clearly state that it is not the intent or role to tell anyone to vote or not to vote for a particular person on the ballot. They "recognize that the responsibility to make choices in political life rests with each individual in light of a properly formed conscience." Distributing or allowing others to distribute partisan campaign literature on Church property, or to place partisan advertisements or statements in bulletins or circulars is absolutely prohibited.

"MASS INTENTIONS" LIMITED

With the numerous funerals that we have in our Parish Family and with the great number of "mass intentions" that are bought for our beloved dead, we must once more LIMIT the number of intentions that can be satisfied in our church. The Parish Family regulation is such: (a) only 8 intentions a year from the same family; (b) only 2 intentions for the same person, from all families; (c) only 4 intentions from the same family for one of the Saturday evening or Sunday morning liturgies. With this regulation, we hope to serve more members who seek a "mass intention" for their loved ones. Other "mass intentions" are then sent to the missions where they are satisfied immediately by a priest working in the missions who is supported by the stipend.

"VOX POPULI" (part 3)

The "Voice of the People" has been polled in the survey that was taken at all the Sunday liturgies a few months ago. Because of the all encompassing nature of the survey, the Council members need time to collate the results. There were 490 responses to QUESTION 9 (one facet of parish life that might be added to our current life) that were summarized thus: (a) 39% concerned the liturgy (b) 23% concerned education in faith formation (c) 14% concerned social events (d) 13% concerned the apostolate (e) 9% concerned temporalities and (f) 2% concerned finances. The Council is now collating these results into "MAJOR SUMMARIES" that have been suggested by our parishioners to develop the "goals and objectives" of our parish life for the future.

RENEWAL DAYS A' COMING

All parishioners are asked to set aside the four days in October when we intensify the SPIRITUAL LIFE of our Parish Family with our annual Renewal. This four-day event will run from Sunday, October 19th to Wednesday, October 22nd ---- hoping that all other Parish Family events and activities will be put aside for these four days to give all parishioners an opportunity to participate in the Renewal. Mark your personal calendars now!

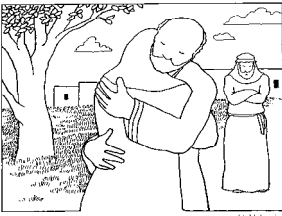
CATHOLICS COMING HOME

Those involved in the "Catholics Coming Home Ministry" are asking ALL parishioners to bring a family member, a friend or a neighbor to the Parish Family Renewal next month. The members of this Ministry hope that we can use the RENEWAL to reach out to those who find themselves distant from the regular practice of their Catholic Faith so that we can truly be a "Renewed Community of Faith."

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Members of the Finance Council are to be alert to their meeting set for Monday of this week, September 29th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. Finance Council members will be looking at the first two months of the 2008-09 fiscal year to make sure that we are still on budget. It is becoming evident to the Finance Council that with the increase costs of parish life "solvency" is becoming more difficult.

Which of the two did his father's will?



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 28, 2008 - Twenty-Six Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 6:00 p.m. Barbara Newland - Henry & Stella Newland, Jr.
- 7:30 a.m. Giacomo & Teresa Tolomeo - Ruffa Family
- 9:00 a.m. George Betz, Sr. - Family
- 11:00 a.m. John Roche - Wife & Children

Monday, September 29, 2008 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

- 7:00 a.m. Norm Lis - Daughter, Sally
- 10:00 a.m. Leo V. Adams - Wife, Rita & Family

Tuesday, September 30, 2008 - St. Jerome

- 7:00 a.m. Antoinette Schlereth - Stephen & Coleen Sarosi
- 10:00 a.m. Roma Ganz - Carlo & Norma Gene Isella

Wednesday, October 1, 2008 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus

- 7:00 a.m. Dorothy Lang - Husband, Charles Lang
- 10:00 a.m. Betty Landau - M/M Matthew Radinovic & Family

Thursday, October 2, 2008 - The Guardian Angels

- 7:00 a.m. Violet - Buddy & Karolyn Hunkele
- 10:00 a.m. Special Intention - Goral Family

Friday, October 3, 2008 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. Ann Gable - Sally Kirzyc
- 10:00 a.m. Gene A. Pietragallo, Sr. -
Student & Faculty of St. Mary School

Saturday, October 4, 2008 - St. Francis of Assisi

- 8:00 a.m. Mary Messstler - Carol & Tom Roberts
- 10:45 a.m. Blessing of Pets
- 2:00 p.m. Wedding of Jason McKee & Erin McLaughlin
- 4:00 p.m. William J. Settino - Family
- 6:00 p.m. Rev. John P. Maloney - Ms. Regina Quinlan

Sunday, October 5, 2008 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 9:00 a.m. Gerard Walter - Lois & George Lutz
- 11:00 a.m. Anna Mae Walsh - Family

Weekly Activities at a Glance

- Sunday Sept. 28** (Church) 9:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
(Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.
(Marian Hall) 10:00AM - Burning Hearts - Middle School
(Church) 11:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
(PAC) 7:00PM - Youth Group
- Monday Sept. 29** (School) 6:30PM - CCD Program - All Grades
(Rectory) 7:00PM - Finance Council
(Marian Hall) 7:15PM - Year of St. Paul - Bible Bowl
- Tuesday Oct. 30** (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Cantor Practice
(Marian Hall) 6:30PM - Adult Education with Fr. Ed
(Pantry) 6:00PM - Open Pantry
(Rectory) 7:00PM - St. Vincent DePaul Meeting
- Wednesday Oct. 1** (Church) 9:30AM - Let the Little Children Come to Me
(Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials - Bingo/Cards
(Church) 2:45PM - Children's Choir Practice
(Marian Hall) 7:00PM - 175th Parish Anniversary Mtg.
(Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir Practice
- Thursday Oct. 2** (Church) 8:00PM - Adult Hand Bell Practice
(Rectory) 7:30PM - Mom's Night Out
- Friday Oct. 3** (Church) 10:00AM - School Mass
(Marian Hall) 7:00PM - Super **BINGO**
- Saturday Oct. 4** (School) 9:30AM - CCD Program
(Plaza) 10:45AM - Blessing of Pets
(Church) 4:00PM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
(Plaza) Hospitality Weekend - After All Liturgies
- Sunday Oct. 5** (Plaza) Hospitality Weekend - After All Liturgies
(PAC) 7:00PM - Youth Group

The flowers on the Altar are in celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Samuel & Clara Iacovetti.

Banns of Marriage

- II. Sampson Yee & Lori Hengelsberg (St. Mary)
- III. Jason McKee & Erin McLaughlin (St. Mary)



The servants of Christ are protected by invisible, rather than visible, beings. But if these guard you, they do so because they have been summoned by your prayers.

Daily Readings



- Sept. 29:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Jn 1:47-51
- Sept. 30:** Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56
- Oct. 1:** Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62
- Oct. 2:** Jb 19:21-27; Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Oct. 3:** Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16
- Oct. 4:** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24
- Oct. 5:** Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Sept. 21, 2008	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	771	\$18,874.88
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$862.00
Children's Offertory	34	\$59.37
Bishop Ed. Fund	22	\$381.00
Parish Share 2008	9	\$160.00
Parish Needy	25	\$529.00
Total	861	\$20,866.25

SACRAMENTAL LIFE



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Margaret Aurelia Grassi

Congratulations to her parents, godparents, and grandparents. Please join us in welcoming her to our parish family!

A VOCATION VIEW

Actions speak louder than words. What are your actions saying? Can your word be trusted? Turning from evil and doing good is what God wants. (Matthew 21:28-32)

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We meet every Sunday morning at 10:00am in the rectory dining room. Those who wish to find out more about what we believe as Catholic Christians are welcome to attend. This week we will discuss THE MASS and next week

our topic will be Church History. All are welcome. Call Father Ed or Jim Finn 412.486.4100 to find out more.

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME

This program is a post-baptism ministry for parents with young children under age five. Every first and third Wednesday morning we meet at 9:30am in the Children's Liturgy Room for **PRAY and PLAY Day**. Call Monica 412.492.0242.

MOMS NIGHT OUT

Please come on **Thursday, October 2, at 7:30 P.M.** in the rectory dining room with Father John. Good conversation and dessert. Let Dad put the kids to bed! All are welcome. For more information call Arlene 412.7275.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus asked "What is your opinion?" Why do we think our opinion is dogma or fact? An opinion is only how we perceive a situation or how we feel comfortable doing something. Don't argue over or become divided by "your opinion."



MARRIAGE MOMENT

"Love is always ready to make allowances, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes." (Corinthians 13:7) Cut your spouse a break today. This needn't depend on worthiness or being deserving. Be generous. You might be the beneficiary of some lenience later.

GOING DEEPER

Do you want to increase your understanding and appreciation of Scripture? The synod's U. S. representatives to the October meeting with bishops from around the world offer these suggestions:

1. Attend daily Mass
2. Join a Bible study
3. Study Biblical history
4. Pray with the Bible



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RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing for 26th Week Ordinary Time

Re-read Paul's letter to the Philippians 2:1-11 to understand what the first Christians believed. What ATTITUDES did you notice in this reading? Attitudes of Jesus are seen in what he SAID and what he DID. How are followers of Jesus expected to relate to one another? When have you said "yes" to Jesus, but did not follow through on your commitment?

C.C.D. Faith Formation –Monday Session:

Monday, September 29, 2008, ALL grades meet, 6:30pm Kindergarten & Grades 1 thru 5 gather in church; Grades 6-7-8 in classes.

BURNING HEARTS CORE TEAM will meet for a "continental breakfast" and brainstorming after the 9:00 AM Mass THIS Sunday, Sept. 28, 10:00 -11:00 AM in Marian Hall. The social and spiritual formation of our Middle School youth is the interest of the Burning Hearts process.

Adults Desperate for the Word

Come to our Bible Study, Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30PM in our Faith Formation Conference Center, lower floor of the school building. It is NEVER TO LATE to join. Call Dori Monahan at 412-492-9891.

Parables of Jesus

Father Ed will be presenting on Tuesdays, September 30th through October 14th, from 6:30-9:00PM in Marian Hall. **If you missed the ACTION last week, be sure to come THIS WEEK!!**

The RITE OF WELCOME

will be celebrated at each liturgy on the weekend of Oct. 4 & 5. We welcome the children preparing for First Eucharist and the youth preparing to confirm Faith. The names of each of the candidates is in an envelope in the marked box in the foyer of our church. YOU are invited to take a name and be a **PRAYER PARTNER** to intercede specially for that young person and their family during the months of preparation for the Sacraments.



SPONSORS OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

are welcome on Oct. 4 & 5, and will meet in CHURCH with Deacon Fran AFTER the 4:00PM, 9:00AM and 11:00AM liturgies. Candidates with Sponsors please request from the Catechist present, the **booklet for your sponsor**, then assemble in the pews closest to the Baptism font and the Jesus, Mary and Joseph altar.

MARKET DAY fliers for **OCTOBER** are available at the church exits, foyer and Scrip and Faith Formation offices. **GREAT TREATS** for the season - **NO TRICKS!** Be part of the MD Action team, call Lee at 724-443-1147.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Grades 9 - 12

DON'T MISS

**Our first LIFE NIGHT
THIS SUNDAY EVENING
SEPTEMBER 28**

7 - 8:30 PM

AT THE PAC

Theme: How is your prayer life?

You need to sign up for
Appalachia and NCYC 2009 **NOW**
We need to start our fund raising!

Sign up for CYM basketball and our service opportunities [soup kitchen, local home repair, drama] that are available. Come and find out about prayer in a relaxed setting, using the dynamic Life Teen format.

OPEN GYM

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

For boys and girls in Grades 9 – 12 from noon to 1 PM in the PAC starting next Sunday, October 5. Those who are interested in CYM basketball can pick up their medical release forms.

WE NEED A FEW GOOD....

DONATIONS

We are looking for electronic games for our social nights. Can you help?

Wii

Play Station 2

Thanks to the donor of the DDR dance mat!

Call the CYM line for current information on our social, spiritual and service activities for teens and young adults at 412-492-9344 or 412-486-4100, extension 409 or email at beliskib@verizon.net

ST. MARY

GO BANANAS,

and Help Our School!

The St. Mary School Parent Teacher Guild is currently hosting an Innisbrook Gift Wrap fundraiser that will contribute up to 50% profit to our school! This profit will enable us to further promote all of the educational programs offered in our school. You can easily assist us with raising funds for our school... while shopping for lovely wrapping paper and gifts.

REMEMBER: Christmas will be here before you know it!

You can:

~**Order on-line:** www.innisbrook.com, using our school number -119054, so that we receive credit. (free shipping with orders over \$85.00)

~**Pick up a catalog in church**, and order on-line, or use the EZ Entry method, and return the voucher and payment to the school, in c/o Susan Wisneski

~**Call Susan Wisneski:** 412-487-1814, for any questions. Thank you very much for your support of

~*St. Mary School*~

BURGER KING NIGHT

Take a night off from cooking and come to the new St. Mary's Burger King Night, October 7, 4-7 p.m. We have a new date (first **Tuesday** of each month) and place – the **Hampton Burger King on Route 8**. For our school to get credit for your purchase, remember to place your sales receipt in the St. Mary's Box at the counter. For drive through purchases, please tell the clerk to put the receipt in our box. Please spread the word to family and friends and help make it a successful evening. See you there!



Fundraiser
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ONE-SIDED PAPER

We are requesting donations of one-sided paper for school use. Please make sure that no personal information is included on the printed side. Donations can be dropped off in the school office Monday through Friday. Thank you!



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The next **Super Bingo** will take place on Friday, October 3, 2008, in Marian Hall. Advance tickets are \$35 each; \$40 if purchased at the door.

Admission includes 12 cards for regular games and 4 specials. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Bingo begins at 7:00 PM. The evening includes 40 regular games (50 points each), 2 specials (100 points each), 2 specials (200 points each); one 500 point jackpot and one 1000 point jackpot. The evening also includes raffles, quickie and instant bingos. All proceeds benefit St. Mary School. Call Coleen at (412) 486-6622 for more information or to purchase tickets.

Open House

St. Joseph High School, will host its annual Open House on Sunday, October 12, 2008 from 9:15AM-1:30PM. Parents and students interested in visiting the school, speaking with the teachers and students are invited to attend. To register, please call the school at 724-224-5552.

School



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OUR PARISH NEWS

175th ANNIVERSARY PLANNING MEETING

Please consider coming on Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 7:00pm in Marian Hall. Call Jim Finn 412.486.4100 for more information. Our parish was founded in 1834.

WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING

Our meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 8** at 7:00pm in the rectory. Members note change of date.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS

this Saturday, October 4, 2008,
Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. Gather at the plaza "circle" with Deacon Fran at 10:45AM ...**All PETS welcome!**

THE LAST DAY to prepare for the YEAR OF SAINT PAUL BIBLE BOWL –Tomorrow, September 29, All welcome to meet at 7:15 PM in Marian Hall to get a bowl for a SOUP-er event! Quote from THIS Sunday:

Philippians 1:3&4 "Don't be jealous or proud, but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves. Care about them as much as you care about yourselves and think the same way that Christ Jesus did."

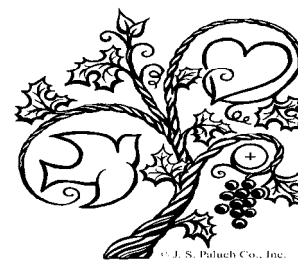
Ushers and Greeters

Are you interested in training for the AED? (Automatic Electronic Defibrillator) The AED is located to the right of the usher's room door. Some of us were trained on the AED more than 5 years ago and need retraining. The training for the AED includes CPR that can be used at home in an emergency. Training sessions are being set up for this fall. Please email Joe Bosack at wheelchk@verison.net or please sign up on the AED training sheet located on the bulletin board located in the ushers room.

Christian Mothers Women's Organization

Thank you to Lois Krieg and Sue Sukits for hosting our calendar party on Thursday. Thank you also to all the women who arranged a holiday table. The event was enjoyed by all. Members who were not present, please be advised that we voted to amend our phone chain usage. It is now a rosary phone chain to be used only to notify those members who would like to participate in the rosary prayers at the funeral home and/or the candle honor guard at the funeral mass of a deceased Christian Mother. Please advise if you would like to be a member of the rosary phone chain before our October 16th meeting so that the new list can be distributed. Ladies, if you are already on the e-mail list, you will be notified via e-mail of funeral arrangements. If you also wish to receive a phone call, please call or e-mail Marilyn Buck at 412-492-8367 or jam-buck@verizon.net. Thank you to Theresa Goeller for volunteering to contact the funeral home and family to make these arrangements. Ladies, if you wish to be added as a prayer partner to a separate e-mail only prayer chain that is sponsored through the Let the Little Children Come to Me ministry, please advise as well.

GOOD NEWS TO SHARE



RETREAT NEWS

Our women will be on retreat at St. Paul's Retreat Center in November. Mark your calendars and register to come along. Nov. 7-8-9th. This could be the best weekend of your life! To find out more call Irene at 412.487.1779.

Men's Retreat is coming up in March, 2009.

Protecting God's Children Workshop

A workshop will be held here at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish on Sunday, October 19, 2008 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM in Marian Hall. Deacon Frances Dadowski, Master Catechist, will be conducting the workshop. All employees and volunteers of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish and School must attend this workshop in order to be in compliance with the Diocese of Pittsburgh, IF you have not already done so. If you have questions regarding this program, please contact Susan Urso, Parish Secretary at 412-486-4100. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 412-486-5521 to register or to register by email: ccdoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org.

Widow/Widowers Group

We will meet Sunday, September 28th, at 5:00PM at the Hardwood Restaurant, 646 Pittsburgh Road, (Route 8) in Butler. It is across from Penn Fencing. For more information, call Barb at 412-486-4209 or Marge at 412-486-5621.

YOUNG AT HEART 50+ GROUP

Join St. Catherine's for 18 holes of Miniature Golf at Wildwood Highlands on Friday, October 3 from 1:00 to 3:00PM. Cost is \$5.00. No reservations required. Come join the fun!

55 SPECIALS

We will be traveling to Cambridge Springs to the "Riverside Inn Luncheon Theater" on Wednesday, October 29th. There will be only 40 tickets sold at \$59.00 each. Please call Jane Fabry at 412-487-3091 to reserve yours!

Luncheon and Fashion Show

Come join the Aquinas Guild of St. Scholastica on October 11th at the Pittsburgh Field Club for a luncheon and fashion show. Doors open at 11:00AM. Tickets are \$35.00. For reservations and information please contact Mary Ellen Maher at 412-767-5863 by October 4th.

Attention High School Students & Parents!

What: Pro-Life Breakfast with guest speaker
Who: All High School Students are invited.
When: Sunday, October 26, 2008
Time: After the 11:00AM Liturgy
Where: Marian Hall
RSVP: Ginny Dougherty at 412-486-8241 or 412-726-2136

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

Monday of this past week was the first day of the season of “fall” --- more precisely entitled autumn to those who speak of the “Autumn Equinox.” It marked the beginning of the season that will take us all the way to winter, when we will experience the “shortest day” on the calendar. Referring to it as an “equinox” simply suggests that there is an equal sharing of time with 12 hours of darkness (nox) and twelve hours of daylight in a 24-hour day. In the world of astronomy, the “equinox” marks the day when at noon the sun crosses the plane of the earth’s equator, making night and day equal in length. In the everyday world in which you and I live, we may not even have noticed the occurrence of these equinoctial points this past week. For the most part, our lives continued as usual and we simply began another week with a typical Monday morning.

I am intrigued by its name: AUTUMN! Ancient people who named this season saw to call it “autumn” from a word that meant “..to increase or grow ..” How is it possible to look outside at this time of year, and see what is happening with the trees losing their leaves, the flowers fading and the grass dying and call it AUTUMN? It appears to me that nothing is increasing or growing!

But the ancients saw way beyond what the eyes in our head can see! They were able to perceive with a lasting hope that all that was happening during the FALL was simply getting the earth ready for next SPRING, when new life would blossom again. So for them, this was a time for “increasing and growing” since way down in the earth, during the cold days of winter, seeds were germinating and new life was getting ready for spring.

Spiritual life is precisely experienced in the same manner. Way down in the heart of our souls the life of the risen Lord grows almost imperceptibly as we look forward to next year’s celebration of Easter, the springtime feast. This is the time when we allow the Word of God to germinate in our hearts so that we too might blossom with new life. Do you feel the new life of our Parish Family taking root in the hearts of so many parishioners who are being more in tune with the celebrations of “The Liturgical Year” as we gather each week around the Table of the Lord? We are in the “autumn” of another year, as we continue to “increase and grow” into the life of the Lord Jesus, whose Resurrection is our destiny!!!