

PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 31, 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

LABOR DAY LITURGY

The third and final of our Summer Holiday liturgies will take place on Labor Day, September 1st at 10:00 a.m. We encourage all parishioners to begin this traditionally final holiday of the summer with the celebration of the liturgy. The sanctity of human labor can be seen from the fact that the book of Genesis symbolically begins with even God being “at work” in the creation of the world. Our Christian Faith speaks to us of this sanctity and reminds all of us of the dignity of all persons as they labor in life. This holiday, linked to our celebrations of Memorial Day and Independence Day, reminds us of thanking God for the gift of the United States of America.

MINISTRIES FAIR: NEXT WEEK

All are invited to Marian Hall after all the liturgies next weekend to discover what makes *St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Family* “someplace special” for all. New parishioners are especially encouraged to come and see. All parish ministries will be showcased. Refreshment will be served and there will be opportunities to meet those involved in the many ministries of our parish life. Come and see what you might plug into and become a more active member of our Parish Family. We remind all chairpersons and leaders of all groups and organizations to make sure that their “booth or table” is ready for next weekend.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Because of Labor Day on the FIRST Monday of the month (usual day of the Council meeting) this month’s meeting will be held on the SECOND Monday of the month. We remind all parishioners that the Parish Pastoral Council is now summarizing the parish life surveys that were passed out at all the liturgies. The Council will use the “VOX POPULI” expressed in this survey to set the goals and objectives for the coming years in their role as the Lay Leadership of our parish life.

PAC SCHEDULE MEETING TO BE SET

All those groups wishing to use the PAC in this coming year should be alert to the bulletin NEXT Sunday when a date for a meeting of all such groups will be listed. All are welcome to attend this gathering that will set up the PAC schedule.

SCHOOL AFFECTS PARISH LIFE

With the opening of our Catholic School, we wish to remind all parishioners of a couple of items that affect the parish life of all of us:

(1) During the lunch hour, since the children recreate outside in the back parking lot, we close off the entrance that leads around the back of the school. Vehicles should not be left in the back parking lot during this time, since we cannot be responsible for possible damage that might occur with all the activity of the children during their required lunch time.

(2) With the students eating their lunch in Marian Hall each day, NO GROUP will be allowed to begin any activities in the Hall until 1:30 p.m. All the adults overseeing the children are registered in the National Database with their clearances. Other parishioners must stay out of Marian Hall until the students have left that area to meet the requirements demanded by the Safe Environment Verification.

MARIAN HALL IMPROVEMENTS

Have you been to Marian Hall lately to see the many improvements --- from the new water fountains to the new painting to the new items being added to the kitchen itself. All of these items were provided by the Fish Dinner profits, the Market Day proceeds, the weekly Instant Bingo income, and the donations given by the Confraternity and the Youth Ministry. We thank all those who supported these causes so that we could make these all of these major improvements in Marian Hall.

CAMPAIGN RETURNS STILL COMING

There are still many parishioners who are making their monthly payments for the pledges that they made in the “Catch The Vibe” program that began five years ago. We hope that they will be faithful to their original commitment since the Capital Campaign Committee is counting on their fulfillment of their pledges to eliminate TOTALLY the parish debt that we still have with the Diocese.

SIDE CHURCH STEPS SEALED ANEW

Might you have noticed the broken step and cracks that were exposed on the steps leading to the side door of the church? We thank our “Cement Finishing Volunteer” who made the necessary repairs to keep an accident from occurring. The pride that so many parishioners have in their Parish Family!



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 31, 2008 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 p.m. Leo V. Adams - Wife, Rita & Family
- 6:00 p.m. John Galicia - Tom & Irene Garasic
- 7:30 a.m. George Williams, Sr. - Family
- 9:00 a.m. Grace Milon - Mikyl, Liz, & Melissa
- 11:00 a.m. Rose Marie Profozich - Eleanor Moore & Family

Monday, September 1, 2008 - Labor Day

- 10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

Tuesday, September 2, 2008 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. Sandra Matera - Theresa & Harry Orlando
- 10:00 a.m. William Jenkins - The Coyle Family

Wednesday, September 3, 2008 - St. Gregory the Great

- 7:00 a.m. Sarah McGuinness - Sister, Eileen Wagner
- 10:00 a.m. Lucy Sasinoski - St. Mary School Students - Room #15

Thursday, September 4, 2008 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. Joseph Szymkowiak - Marie Hunkele
- 10:00 a.m. Alan R. Pare, Sr. - Grace Kozak

Friday, September 5, 2008 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. Antoinette Sharkey - Buddy & Karolyn Hunkele
- 10:00 a.m. Margaret Galla - Bongartz Family

Saturday, September 6, 2008 - Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00 a.m. Grace Piano - Mary Jo, Bob & David
- 2:00 p.m. Wedding of Richard Goeller & Jessica Kankoski
- 4:00 p.m. Anna Ferber & Jean Pudelsky - Family
- 6:00 p.m. Dorothy Lang - Husband, Charles Lang

Sunday, September 7, 2008 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Bertha Bittner - Family
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 11:00 a.m. George Stankovich - Butler Family

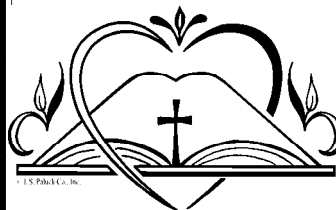


III. Richard Goeller (St. Mary) & Jessica Kankoski (St. Mary)

August 24, 2008	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	744	\$15,300.85
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$1,417.00
Children's Offertory	31	\$37.00
Catholic Community	-	\$1,467.00
School Collection	10	\$175.00
Assumption	10	\$83.00
Parish Share 2008	13	\$499.00
Bishop Ed. Fund	3	\$35.00
Parish Needy	25	\$397.00
Total	836	\$19,410.85

Weekly Activities at a Glance

- Sunday August 31** (Marian Hall) 9:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
(Marian Hall) 10:00AM - Confirmation Group Meeting
(Marian Hall) 11:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
(Marian Hall) 12:00PM - Grade 2 Cluster Meeting
- Monday September 1** (School) No School **LABOR DAY**
- Tuesday September 2** (Pantry) 6:00PM - Open Pantry
(Rectory) 7:00PM - St. Vincent DePaul Meeting
(Rectory) 7:00PM - Worship Commission Meeting
- Wednesday September 3** (Marian Hall) 9:30AM - Let the Little Children Come to Me
(Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials - Bingo/Cards
(Church) 2:45PM - Children's Choir Practice
(Jam Center) 3:00PM - CYM Drop-in
(Marian Hall) 6:00PM - Grade 2 - Cluster Meeting
(Marian Hall) 7:00PM - Confirmation Group Meeting
(Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir Practice
- Friday September 5** (Church) 10:00AM - School Mass
(Marian Hall) 5:30PM - **SUPER** Bingo
- Saturday September 6** (Marian Hall) 4:00PM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
(Marian Hall) Ministry Fair - After All Liturgies
(Marian Hall) Hospitality Weekend - After All Liturgies
- Sunday September 7** (Marian Hall) Ministry Fair - After All Liturgies
(Marian Hall) Hospitality Weekend - After All Liturgies



Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.
~Romans 12:2

LABOR

A TRULY AMERICAN SENTIMENT RECOGNIZES THE DIGNITY OF LABOR AND THE FACT THAT HONOR LIES IN HONEST TOIL. -GROVER CLEVELAND

Daily Readings

Take up your cross and follow me



- Sept. 1: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30
- Sept. 2: 1 Cor 2:10b - 16; Lk 4:31-37
- Sept. 3: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44
- Sept. 4: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11
- Sept. 5: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39
- Sept. 6: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5
- Sept. 7: Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

SACRAMENTAL LIFE



Carly Ann Karbowski
Jayden Marie Karbowski
Alexis Domenica Josephine Runco
Josefina Elisa Roberta Tuccillo

Adam James Zang

Congratulations to their parents, godparents, and grandparents. Please join us in welcoming them into our *Parish Family!*

A Vocation View

If you are willing to offer your life for Jesus' sake, you will find it. By walking the path we come to know Jesus' promise is real. Pray for courage and the willingness to "let go and let God."

(Matthew 16:21-27)

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME

All families with children under five are welcome to participate in this special ministry. PRAY-n-PLAY will start on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd. Meet in the Children's Liturgy Room at 9:30am. Moms, Grams and caregivers are welcome. Call Monica for details 412.492.0242.

RCIA

Would you like to become a Catholic?

We have many opportunities to grow in our faith, but one of the best ways is to be an evangelizer. A good way to evangelize is to encourage our non-Catholic friends who are seeking a closer relationship with God to participate in the RCIA process. Invite them to "come and see" what the church teaches and the traditions that Catholics treasure. Invite them to join us on Sept. 14, after the 9:00am Mass in the rectory dining room, in an atmosphere where they will be welcomed and feel at home. This process is also appropriate for adult Catholics who would like to prepare for first Eucharist or confirmation. For more information, call Fr. Ed or Jim Finn at the rectory 412.486.4100.

MARRIAGE MOMENT

Marriage educators often emphasize that it takes work to make a marriage last. Do a labor of love for your spouse today. It needn't be onerous. A simple favor like getting a snack, running an errand, offering a back rub would be a nice start. Eventually everyday could be Labor Day.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Relationships live in a careful balance. If a person changes, the balance is altered requiring a shift in the relationship. In today's gospel Jesus announced a change and Peter resisted. Jesus told Peter: "You are an obstacle to me." Sometimes, those we count on for support may actually be an obstacle.

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RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing for 22nd Week Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's gospel, Peter had not expected the CROSS to be part of being a follower of Jesus. Being faithful in an unfaithful world is not easy, but Matthew 16:27 reminds us there is a reward. Share with someone, what cross did YOU take up today? In the past week or month? How did you help someone with his/her cross? Is there anything you would give in exchange for eternal life? When have you walked with someone and felt Jesus' presence in the sacrifice of your time, personal space, money or something else?

Grade 8 – prospective candidates for Confirmation, with a parent or guardian, meet in Marian Hall THIS Sunday, August 31, 10:00 AM, or Sept. 3, 7:00 PM for "step #1" in the Call to Celebrate Confirmation.

Grade 2 children and parent/guardian meet in Marian Hall TODAY, Sunday, August 31, at Noon, or this coming Wednesday, September 3, 6:00 PM

FAITH is strengthened by "walking with the Saints".

This week we have some special feasts to celebrate. Find something to be grateful for our Catholic heroes of:

September 3 - Saint Gregory the Great, who worked tirelessly for peace in Rome, and for reforming practices to enhance the Sacred Liturgy.

September 5 - Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta who wrote: "If God who owes nothing to us, is ready to impart to us no less than Himself, shall we answer with just a fraction of ourselves?"

The YEAR OF SAINT PAUL - Mark September 29 on your calendar as a time to come to a SAINT PAUL BOWL. Clip the passage which will appear in THIS column each week from one of his letters and memorize the passage. Be part of a game on Sept. 29, 7:15 PM; watch for future details.

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: Romans 12:2 "Do not be conformed to THIS :
: world, but be transformed by the renewing of :
: your minds." :
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Faith Formation / C.C.D. Registrations are still being taken for the coming season for children and youth who attend public schools. Sessions: Weekly on Saturday morning, Monday evening, or once-a-month Family program for the entire family to participate. Adults and older teens welcome to assist in classes. Call 412-486-5521 for details.

YOUTH MINISTRY**SAVE THE NIGHT**

MOST SUNDAY NIGHTS OUR YOUTH GROUP WILL BE GATHERING FOR AN EXCITING NEW PROGRAM.

HEARD ABOUT LIFETEEN?

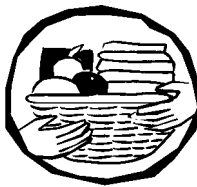
This year we will offer social, spiritual and service activities every Sunday evening, usually beginning at 7 PM for youth in Grades 9-12. There will also be a separate session for middle school youth in Grades 6-8.

GAME NIGHT

**FIRST YOUTH GROUP SESSION
WILL BE ON
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

**PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH IN GRADES 9 - 12**

We need your help with this new LifeTeen program for our high school youth group sessions on Sunday evenings. Areas include helping the Drama Troupe with their skits for the Life Night, planning and serving refreshments or cleaning up after each session. If you are interested, we sure could use your help. Please leave a message on the CYM office phone line at 412-486-4100, ext 409 with your name, phone number and area of interest.

**NEXT HOMELESS
MEAL**

for the ladies at the SOAR shelter will be on Saturday, September 13. Would you like to serve or provide a meal item [enough to serve 16-18]? Please call the CYM line or email Barb Belski [see contact details below].

Special request from the staff at the soar shelter for homeless women: The ladies need small tubes of toothpaste and feminine sanitary pads. Please put your donations in plain bags and place in the marked box in the CYM lobby.

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,

ST. MARY**SCHOOL IS OPEN!**

Please join us on Friday, September 5, 2009, to celebrate our School Liturgy at 10:00AM.

Free School Uniforms - "gently used" uniforms are available at school. A clothing rack is located in Providence Hall (old gym) with donated school clothing including pants, shirts, skirts, and jumpers. Any school family can take the items; please leave hangers. Donations to the exchange can be sent through the school office or dropped off in the Scrip Office between 8-10AM. Please make sure donated clothing is clean and sized if possible.

TUITION DEADLINES

We hope that all those who have children in St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic School will meet the "tuition deadlines" that are set up during the year. It is imperative that we collect the tuition "on time" so that we can meet the payroll demands twice a month, and the other costs of maintaining the school as they arise. When we fail to meet the time demands of these costs, then we need to pay a "penalty" tax that simply increases the cost of the school in the long run. Thank you for your consideration.

SUPER

On Friday, September 5, 2008, we will hold our first **SUPER BINGO** for the 2008-2009 school year. Advance tickets are \$35 each; \$40 at the door. Admission includes 12 cards for regular games and 5 specials. Doors open at 5:30PM; Early Birds at 7:00PM; evening includes 40 regular games (50 points each); 5 specials (100 points each); one Jackpot at 500 points and one Jackpot at 1000 points. All proceeds benefit St. Mary School. Call Coleen at 412.486.6622 for information or to purchase tickets.

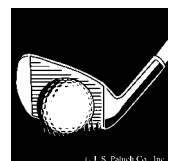
**TUESDAY SPECIALS
for GRADES 6-7-8
MIDDLE SCHOOLERS**

This program is completed for this season. Mark Tobin will meet with the Core Team soon to plan future experiences. Call 412-486-5521 if YOU or your YOUTH in Grade 6-7-8 will like to be part of the "Core team".

SMAA Golf Outing

When: Monday, Sept. 15, 2008
Where: Birds Foot Golf Club
Time: 12:00 Shot Gun Start
18 Hole Scramble
Cost: \$135.00
Hole Sponsor: \$135.00

Steak Dinner, Prizes, Beer and Soft Drinks every 3 Holes. Supports all athletics at St. Mary's. Please contact Kelly Cannon Ph: 412-551-3150. Email: kellycannon@verizon.net.



OUR PARISH NEWS

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT here soon:

(Call 412-486-5521 to register to attend)

- **Are YOU Desperate for the Word** ? Come to our Bible Study, Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 PM in our Faith Formation Conference center, lower floor of the school building, begins Sept. 9. Call Dori Monahan at 412-492-9891.
- **Scripture and Prayer** A three hour workshop for any & all adults and youth, Saturday, September 20, 9:00 AM till Noon with Sisters of Saint Joseph, Marguerite Kropinak and Melanie Polenski. (Children welcome for Bible games out doors during the workshop. Call to advise if child(ren) will attend; 412-486-5521.)
- **Parables of Jesus**, Tuesdays, 6:30-9:00 PM Sept.23-Oct.14 in Marian Hall with Father Ed. Learn to appreciate the nuances in those lesson-stories of Jesus.

FREE PHOTO TOTE BAG with 3 items bought during the September sales of MARKET DAY. Fliers are available at the Church exits, and at the Scrip and Faith Formation offices. Helpers on pick up day needed Sept. 29, at 5:00PM. Please call Lee at 724-443-1147.

Christian Mothers Women's Organization

CORRECTION: Please note that our **first meeting** will be on **Thursday, September 18, 2008.** Thank you Mary Ellen.

Ladies, please check if you are available to help out at the Ministries Fair in Marian Hall on September 6 and September 7. We will have a table set up with information about Christian Mothers. Please plan to stay after the Mass you attend to meet and greet all who may show interest in our ministry. We need help after all the Masses that weekend. Please call or e-mail me with the time you are able to help ASAP. Thank you! Marilyn Buck 412-492-8367 or jambuck@verizon.net.

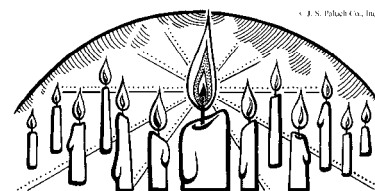
Year of Saint Paul

The celebration began on June 29, but it has barely begun. Pope Benedict wants us draw still closer to St. Paul. An attentive reading of the letters of St. Paul shows us that he expected no less from us than this basic Christian duty of imitating Christ! So how should we honor him this year?

1. **Read him.** Start with the Acts of the Apostles, where he first appears (as Saul) at the end of Chapter 8.
2. **Pray as he did.** St. Paul told people to "pray constantly" give thanks in all things, both joys and sorrows and intercede for others.
3. **Be apostolic as he was.** An apostle is literally "one who is sent." We are sent to our family, friends, co-workers and neighbors. Our witness to them should reflect Christ, as St. Paul did.
4. **Suffer as he did.** St. Paul united his pains and struggles with the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Like Jesus he offered his life as a sacrifice.
5. **Give alms.** Paul was ever concerned for the poor and for his mission, which was supported by the early Christians. Continue to be generous to your parish and the missions of the United States and abroad.



**GOOD
NEWS
TO
SHARE**



NEWS RELEASE FROM BISHOP ZUBIK

On the Sunday "Meet The Press" program, the House Speaker stepped out of her political role and completely misrepresented the teaching of the Catholic Church in regard to abortion. She said that the Church teaching and condemning procured abortion is somehow new and therefore unsettled. She could not have been more wrong. Our teaching has remained constant and unaltered!

GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN On Saturday, September 13th the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Pittsburgh is gathering and mobilizing all the men who feel called to respond to Bishop Zubik's challenge. After a short prayer service beginning at 8:30am the meeting will take place in the auditorium of St. Paul's Seminary in Crafton and end at 10:00am **Next year's GATHERING is scheduled for Sat. April 18, 2009.** Working as a team, and with an eight month jump start, we have a great opportunity to help men encounter Christ through his church. Please come and learn how you can participate. Jim Finn has more information about promoting the April, 2009, Gathering at the AJ Palumbo Center. Give Jim Finn a call at 412.486.4100.

Senior Lifestyles

The quarterly Senior Lifestyle Supplement to the *Pittsburgh Catholic* Newspaper will be included in the Sept. 19 issue. The supplement will include unique features of interest to seniors in the community.

**Coming
Events**

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ISRAEL - "A JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND" - Those who have shown an interest in this tour are urged to submit their reservation form with deposit and travel insurance as soon as possible. Those signing up after our twenty seats are filled will be placed on "stand-by" availability.

55 Special Group

Seneca Niagara Casino, \$185.00 per person, double occupancy, \$225.00 for a single, Sunday, October 5 & 6, 2008. Leaving St. Mary's at 7:00AM. \$30.00 cash & \$10.00 Food Bonus. Secure your reservations by September 12th by calling Jane Fabry at 412.487.3091.

GET YER PARTNER FOR A SQUARE DANCE OPEN HOUSE, Tuesday, Sept. 9, 8:00 PM at Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church. Call for details at 724-443-7364. ALL WELCOME ! Come have some fun !

St. Ursula Parish is seeking crafters for participation in their Fall Craft Show on November 15, 2008. Tables are \$25.00 each. For table reservations call Luann at 412-487-4602 or Loretta at 412-486-3672 by October 29, 2008.

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

As we stand on the threshold of the celebration of another LABOR DAY, we come to the traditional ending of another summer and all our thoughts center upon the “Sanctity of Human Labor.” Have you ever noticed how there is such a dichotomy between our “avoidance” of work and our “appreciation” of those who do work? Somewhere hidden in the midst of that dichotomy lies the SANCTITY of such labor.

On the one hand, from the earliest days of our youth, we learn to abhor that which is labeled “WORK.” We think of young students who just hate “to do their schoolWORK” and literally determine their love of their teacher by how much schoolwork that teacher gives or does not give. Adults find themselves in the same frame of mind when reminded that they must get up early “to go to WORK” and often categorize their boss by how much the boss forces them to keep their nose to the grindstone. In every stage of life we will do almost anything to get out of doing WORK. Children will fabricate stories of “no homework” when asked by their parents while siblings will constantly argue about whose turn it is to do the housework and almost every home owner will pay someone to “do the yardwork” so as to be free of the drudgery of the chore.

On the other hand, we all praise the efforts of a good WORKER. How often volunteers of parish events choose those to help them in such events because “that person is a real good worker.” Coaches on winning athletic teams will credit most of their success to the fact that they have a team who has “learned how to work hard” in their preparation. Even health conscious persons look forward to a “good workout” to keep themselves in top physical condition. Within that dichotomy we live! On the one hand, we almost despise the very concept of WORK; yet, on the other, we admire those who do WORK. It is somewhere buried in the midst of this dichotomy that we find the very mystery of it all.

It is within this “mystery” that even our American Society has a National Holiday to remind all citizens of the United States of America of its importance. Truly there is a SANCTITY to Human Labor that goes way beyond our ability to grasp it fully. It is this mystery that has been “holidazied” by an American culture that celebrates a Labor Day! May each of us take a moment this Labor Day to come closer to this mystery!