

# PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion  
March 16, 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

## THE SACRED TRIDUUM

The most sacred moments of the entire Liturgical Year will be celebrated this week under the title "The Sacred Triduum" (Latin for "three days") The violet of Lent is put aside as Holy Thursday calls for white, Good Friday for red and Easter for the color of the glorious Resurrection. These three days celebrate the salvific days of Jesus' triumph over death through the Resurrection; but they also celebrate what is happening right now among us as the People of God. All parishioners, and Catholics throughout the world, are urged to join us for three days of wondrous liturgical celebrations as our Parish Family comes to the apex of the Liturgical Year.

### HOLY THURSDAY: THE LAST SUPPER

The celebration of the Lord's Supper will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening with the accent upon the Blessed Sacrament. After the liturgy, the sacred species will be placed in the area of reposition for private adoration. The church will remain open until 12:00 midnight for those who wish to come and "keep watch with Jesus."

### GOOD FRIDAY: THE DEATH OF JESUS

We are asked to return to the church on Good Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. as we commemorate the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus. The tri-part celebration includes the Liturgy of the Word, the veneration of the Cross and the reception of the Eucharist from the consecrated species of the previous night. The church will be closed 30 minutes after the service to decorate for Easter.

### 12:00 NOON TO 3:00 P.M. FRIDAY

For those who would like to keep the 3 hour vigil from noon to three in church in commemoration of Jesus' hanging of the cross, we will begin at noon with a reflection on the mystery of the Cross that will lead into the service beginning at 1:30 p.m.

### EASTER VIGIL: THE RESURRECTION

The Easter Vigil will begin at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday evening and calls for all of us to be present to announce the Alleluia of the Resurrection. The four-part liturgical celebration is the high point of the entire Liturgical Year and beckons to all of us to join the Community of Faith in proclaiming this central mystery of our lives in Christ.

## IMPORTANT HOLY WEEK NOTICES

There will be a 1:00p.m. liturgy added to our Easter Sunday schedule along with the regular times of 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00a.m. Parishioners who wish to avoid the great crowds of the three earlier liturgies may choose to participate at this one o'clock liturgy.

The Blessing of Baskets will take place at 12:00noon on Holy Saturday. All families are invited to gather in church at that time for this ancient custom of preparing for the Resurrection.

There will be a collection on Good Friday as prescribed by the Diocese. There is an envelope in our packet for this collection, all of which goes to maintaining the sacred places of the Holy Land.

There will be no confessions scheduled during Holy Week. A person who wishes to celebrate Reconciliation may simply call the rectory to make an appointment with one of the priests.

The Holy Thursday Church Visit tradition will begin immediately after the services that evening. Those wishing to travel with the group should call 412-486-5521 to make reservations.

Today is the final day to submit names for the Easter Flower Memorial. There is an envelope included in our packet for this purpose. We ask a donation of five dollars with each name submitted. Please print clearly on the envelope the name(s) of each person to be memorialized.

Parking for church services during this week becomes a significant issue because of the great crowds. Vehicles parked in "no parking" zones on our grounds might be towed---which will then come at the owner's expense.

All members of the Extended Staff are invited to our traditional appreciation event that will take place on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Festivities will begin at 4:30p.m. in Marian Hall. An evening meal will be included in the event for those in attendance.

"Festival Flashes" will begin next week as we continue our plans for the Parish Family Festival on June 19-21. Watch for your ONE book of raffle tickets coming shortly with the hope that every family will participate in this very important summer event in our Parish Family.



## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, March 16, 2008 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

- 4:00 p.m. Edward & Joy Wetzel - Jim & Jane Doyle
- 6:00 p.m. Tillie Ferraro - Dennis & Evon Kowalczyk
- 7:30 a.m. Frederick Rihm - Family
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 11:00 a.m. Catherine Lazzaro - Mr. & Mrs. Paolo Liberto

**Monday, March 17, 2008 - Monday of Holy Week/St. Patrick Day**

- 7:00 a.m. James & Anne Downes - Ben & Peggy Gessler
- 10:00 a.m. Rev. John P. Maloney - Ms. Regina E. Quinlan

**Tuesday, March 18, 2008 - Tuesday of Holy Week**

- 7:00 a.m. Leonard Lang - Don & Bert Aciri
- 10:00 a.m. Shirley Kornick - Family

**Wednesday, March 19, 2008 - Wednesday of Holy Week**

- 7:00 a.m. James Berrang - Family
- 10:00 a.m. Betty Vrscak - Husband, Nick

**Thursday, March 20, 2008 - Holy Thursday**

- 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday, March 21, 2008 - Good Friday**

- 12:00noon Reflection on the Mystery of the Lord's Passion & Death
- 1:30 p.m. Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Liturgical Services

**Saturday, March 22, 2008 - Holy Saturday**

- 12:00noon Blessing of Food
- 8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

**Sunday, March 23, 2008 - Easter Sunday:**

**Resurrection of the Lord**

- 7:30 a.m. Katherine Duffy - Bob & Gloria
- 9:00 a.m. Barbara Jean Orsini - Lazzaro/Marinack Family
- 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 1:00 p.m. Joe Frauenholz, Sr. - Wife & Children



## Weekly Activities at a Glance

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- Sunday March 16** (Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.  
(Church) 11:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children  
(Marian Hall) 11:00AM - Sunday Preschool  
(Marian Hall) 6:30PM - CYM T-Roc
- Monday March 17** No School - Easter Break  
(School) 6:30PM - CCD Program  
(Church) 8:00PM - Brass Practice
- Tuesday March 18** No School - Easter Break  
(Pantry) 6:00PM  
(Church) 8:00PM - Adult Handbells
- Wednesday March 19** No School - Easter Break  
(Marian Hall) 9:15AM - Let the Little Children Come to Me  
(Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials - Bingo/Cards  
(Church) 2:45PM - Children's Choir  
(PAC) 3:00PM - CYM Drop-in  
(Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir Practice
- Thursday March 20** No School - Easter Break
- Friday March 21** No School - Easter Break  
(Epworth) 12:00PM - Cross Walk
- Saturday March 22** (Marian Hall) 8:00AM - Easter Egg Hunt
- Sunday March 23** EASTER

**R.I.P.:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Joan M. Paragi, Catherine Streiff, mother of Kathleen Gualtieri, Walter Eswein, father of Paul Eswein, Marie Zeis, mother of James Zeis.

### Offertory Collections

March 9, 2008	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	708	\$15,939.30
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$789.00
Children's Offertory	43	\$55.45
Catholic Campaign/ Human Development	27	\$335.67
Easter Flowers	108	\$1,617.00
Easter Offering	4	\$75.00
Religious Formation Program	6	\$42.00
Parish Share 2008	41	\$5,210.00
Parish Needy	58	\$1,095.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>\$25,158.42</b>

## Daily Readings



- MONDAY, MARCH 17:** Is 42:1-7; JN 12:1-11
- TUESDAY, MARCH 18:** Is 49:1-6; JN 13:21-33, 36-38
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19:** Is 50:4-9A; Mt 26:14-25
- THURSDAY, MARCH 20:** LORD'S SUPPER: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 COR 11:23-26; JN 13:1-15
- FRIDAY, MARCH 21:** Is 52:13 - 53:12; HEB4:14-16; 5:7-9; JN 19:1-19:42
- SATURDAY, MARCH 22:** Ex 14:15-15:1, Is 55:1-11, Ez 36:16-17, 18-28, Ro 6:3-11, Mt 28:1-10
- SUNDAY, MARCH 23:** ACTS 10:34A 37-43  
COL 3: 1-4  
JN 20:1-9

## **SACRAMENTAL LIFE**

**RCIA** Are you interested in learning about the Catholic Church? Would you like to develop your faith? Do you have questions that need answered?

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process through which non-Catholic adults enter the Catholic Church. If interested please join us in the rectory following the 9am liturgy. Call Fr. Ed or Jim Finn for more information at (412) 486-4100.

### **A VOCATION VIEW**

Are you willing to stay with Jesus/with others through difficult times? Pray for the strength to endure hardships.

(Matt.27:11-54)

### **LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME**

A ministry to parents with children from birth to age five years of age offers programs geared to be spiritually supportive of parents. This week all are invited to plug into **PRAY AND PLAY DAY on Wed. March 19<sup>th</sup>. beginning at 9:30am in the Children's Liturgy Room and on Sat. March 22 for the Family blessing and Easter Egg Hunt beginning at 10:30am in church.** Call Monica for more information at (412)492-0242.

### **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar**

The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us god is present during the suffering. Bad things happen but God does not abandon us.

### **GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN**

Keep open Saturday, **April 12, 2008** for the Third Annual Gathering of Catholic Men. This annual event will be held on the campus of Duquesne University at the A. J. Palumbo Center. Mark your calendars and call Jim Finn (412)486-4100 to make a reservation. We plan to have a bus and if you come and bring a friend we will be able to fill two buses! Deadline for registering for the group discount admission of \$35.00 is **MARCH 29. One bus is almost full!**

## **RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

### **Faith Sharing for Week of the Lord's Passion**

Be attentive to the Passion reading. Consider how you might be like any one of the people in the gospel story. Why is it sometimes so difficult to stay the faithful course as it was for Peter at the fire? When are some times that we are like Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, holding vigil in prayer and wondering what is really happening?

### **Grade 2 Children and Parent/Guardian**

**gather in cluster groups this month to recall the account of Jesus' mandate to "take and eat" the bread which becomes HIS Body. They will discuss and practice how to approach for the reception of Holy Communion.**

**LENTEN MISSION OUTREACH...**children's coin donations are **helping to fill the map of Ethiopia.** The southern area of the map is filled. It represents the area of the country which IS the home of the Borana students being aided by YOUR generosity. **THANKS** to those families who have already helped.

**PRE-SCHOOLERS welcome to meet during the 11:00 AM Liturgy.** The sessions are held in **Marian Hall** Contact Megan @ 724-444-4545 or Lee Ann @ 412-492-8043 for details

### **Faith Formation Sessions will NOT meet on Saturday, March 22 nor Monday, March 10 .**

Please do the EASTER lesson with your family at home.

**The Solemnity of Saint Joseph Feast Day** was moved from **March 19** to March 15 because of the solemn days of Holy Week. Jesus' foster father and Mary's spouse is an important man as patron of the universal Church, and patron of all fathers. **It is good to talk with Joseph all during THIS week** and ask how he looked on Jesus' passion from his heavenly home. We assume that Joseph had already gone to his eternal reward before Jesus' death and resurrection.

**SEDER MEAL, an adapted script to celebrate the remembrance of the PASSOVER as prescribed to the Hebrews through the spokesman Moses. The deliverance of the Israelites from slavery to freedom is a celebration observed annually by every faithful Jew. This meal is often shared by Christians before the liturgy on Holy Thursday. If YOU will like copies of the script to use with your family, contact our Faith Formation office, 412-486-5521 any day before NOON on Holy Thursday, March 20.**

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**CROSSWALK PRACTICE TONIGHT**  
**SUNDAY MARCH 16 AT 6 PM**

All teens in Grades 8-12 who are interested in helping with our Good Friday Crosswalk need to meet Mr. and Mrs. Penezic at the church at **6 PM, (TONIGHT) Sunday night** for rehearsal.

**HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS**  
**THE GREAT COVER UP**

*"They exchanged the truth of God for a lie and revered and worshiped the creature rather than the creator" Romans 1:25*

After a great Scripture reflection at T-ROC last Sunday with Mr. Randy, our teens are taking a stand against The Great Cover Up. Join us on our annual **Good Friday Crosswalk** which will begin at **noon** at Epworth Methodist. Meditate about the Passion of Christ along with our teens as we reflect on Our Lord's victory over sin and death.

*"For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."* **John: 18:37-38**

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE PROJECT**

Under the direction of **Major Robert Lefler** of the Task Force Med Falcon stationed in Kosovo, **HHS senior Katelyn Deet** is coordinating an appeal for **items to be donated to an orphanage served by this unit.** Requested items will include clothing for children from birth to age 8 years, additional needs will be posted shortly. The first collection will take place on Good Friday, March 21 at 10:30 AM in Marian Hall. Major Lefler will speak to the teens in Marian Hall at 10 AM about his unit and their humanitarian efforts. **PLEASE, ONLY CLEAN NEW OR GENTLY USED ITEMS.**

**MISSION TRIP TO UGANDA**

**Nine Members of our Mission Team**

Room and board	\$5,000
Flight from US to Entebbe	\$20,000
Flight from Entebbe to Gulu	\$2,000
Medical costs and travel insurance	\$4,500
Answering the Gospel call	<b>PRICELESS</b>

**We have received a \$20,000 donation from Christine and Drew Martier of Niche Television Productions to cover the cost of our airfare from the US to Entebbe, Uganda.** Our group numbers nine missionaries and this donation has significantly reduced our cost per person. By the way, each traveler must pay up to \$300 out of pocket for all of the proper immunizations through the Health Department. **If you would be interested in donating money toward our travel fund, it would be most appreciated.** Please make donation checks out to St. Mary Parish with the memo "African mission travel fund" and leave at the rectory for Barb Belski.

**DONATIONS TO OUR AFRICAN MISSION TRIP:**

**Travel costs for the missionary team:**

Christine & Drew Martier	Kathy Campbell
Steve & Jane Fabry	Marie & Raymond Wiehagen
Gretchen Anne (Ley) Huffman	Al & Betty Hengelsberg
Liz & Phillip Perrone	

**Silent Auction at our April 12 Hawaiian Luau:**

Betty Hengelsberg "Christmas dish set"  
Lee Holleran "Tower of Food" from Market Day

**Thanks You for your support!**

**ST. MARY SCHOOL**

**REGISTRATION FOR 2008** - We are still accepting registrations for interested families of students preschool through seventh grades for the 2008-2009 school year. St. Mary School offers a 3 year-old and 4 year-old pre-school program, as well as half-day and full-day kindergarten programs. Students considering kindergarten **MUST** be five by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Registration requirements include copies of the child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate, and social security card. In addition, a \$100 non-refundable registration fee is required but is applied to the child's tuition.

Inquiries and tours can be made at (412) 486-7611. Consider St. Mary School as your school of choice.

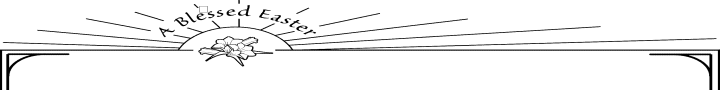
**SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED** – The school office will be closed from March 17<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>. Classes will resume on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

The **SCRIP** office will also be closed during that time and will re-open on the 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Giant Eagle/Shop'n Save sales at church on Easter weekend, March 22nd, & 23rd.

**SUPER BINGO** - Another Super Bingo will take place on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Doors open at 5:30 PM; early birds begin at 7:00 PM. Advance tickets are \$35; \$40 if sold at the door. Admission includes: 12 cards for 40 regular games (50 points each), 5 specials (100 points each), one jackpot at 500 points and another jackpot at 1000 points. All proceeds benefit St. Mary School. Call Coleen at (412) 486-6622 for more information or to purchase tickets.



**The MARRIAGE PROTECTION AMENDMENT** will go for voting by the PA Judiciary Committee **THIS Monday, March 17.** See [www.legis.state.pa.us/efdoc/legis](http://www.legis.state.pa.us/efdoc/legis) for complete contact information about support for SB1250 without amendments to allow Pennsylvanians the opportunity to vote on the definition of marriage as the union between one man and one woman, and to protect Pennsylvania's marriage law. If you do not have internet access, you may phone your PA Senator office to ask their support



**Easter Blessing of the Families**

On Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008, Bishops David Zubik, Paul Bradley and William Winter will welcome families of the Diocese to their Annual Blessing of Families at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland beginning at 3:00PM. As they greet and bless your family personally, they affirm and support you as a household of love and witness to your faith. All families, nuclear, single parent, blended, extended, etc., are invited to come and experience the Bishops' expression of appreciation for the gift that you are and the gifts that you bring to the Diocese. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home and the children will receive a sweet treat.



## GENERAL PARISH NEWS

**Widows & Widowers Group** will meet on March 30, at 4:00 PM at Atrias Restaurant, Route 8 in Gibsonia. For more information call 412-486-5621 or 412-486-4209.

**Grade 7 Parents:** Your child was given information about our Grade 7 Parents and Youth serving as "hosts" for the reception for the evening of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, from 7:00-9:00PM. Please call 412-486-5521 for details.

**COACHES** of any children's sports teams, bring your talents to a summer sports camp, "POWER ZONE", an innovative 5 session program to bring the gospel message to the sports team to enhance their performance in the games. This is being organized by Lee Ann Trout. Contact her at 412-492-8043 or [leeanntrout@comcast.net](mailto:leeanntrout@comcast.net)

### Christian Mothers Women's Organization

is now **selling their Covered Dish Dinner tickets** for April 17th's Covered Dish Dinner. Members may purchase these tickets from any of the officers for \$5 per person. Call or see Jan Raible, President (412-486-0367), Marilyn Buck, Vice President (412-492-8367), Theresa Goeller, Secretary (412-487-1870) or Anne Mitsch, Treasurer (412-767-8882). Husbands or guests welcomed. Main entree will be Chicken. Wine and beer will also be served. This is the last big event for our organization so we hope to see you all there.

**MARKET DAY fliers for March** still available at the church exits, Scrip and Faith Formation offices. **PICK UP will be March 31, 6:30-7:30 PM**, NOT before 6:30. **A MAN or two who could lend a hand** will be gratefully welcome. Call Lee, 724-443-1147.

### Evening for Married Couples

will be held at the Capuchin Ministry Center on Wednesday, April 30th from 7:00-9:30PM. Cost is \$25.00 per couple. Please make checks payable to: Providence of St. Augustine. Call Jim Finn for more information at 412-486-4100.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

all children under 10 years of age are invited to the Parish Egg Hunt on Sat. March 22 at 10:30am. Meet in church for a family blessing and then hunt for eggs on the church grounds! Call Donna Polito (412)492-9312 to make a reservation. Leave child's name, age and phone number. Bring a basket and friendship! We welcome donations of plastic eggs and candy to fill the eggs. Please leave your donation in the Children's Liturgy Room in church. Thank you for your support.

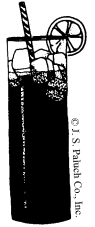


## What's Happening!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR for our **HAWAIIAN LUAU** on Saturday, April 12 at 7PM in Marian Hall.

Tickets are now available at the rectory and the CYM office. Cost is \$25 adults/\$15 children and includes an authentic Hawaiian dinner plus live entertainment from the Vincentian Academy Hawaiian Hula Dance Troupe. Call 412-486-4100 ext. 409 with questions.



### GROWING THROUGH GRIEF

Family Hospice and Palliative Care in collaboration with the Highmark PALS (People Able to Lend Support) Program is pleased to offer "Growing Through Grief," a free, 6 week educational series for those dealing with the death of a loved one. The session will begin on Monday, April 7, 2008 through Monday, May 19, 2008 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at Northland Library, 300 Cumberland Road, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15237. Attendance at all six sessions is encouraged. **Pre-registration is required. Call Allison Holst at (412) 572-8829.**

**St. Mary's Travelers** - May 8th and 9th to Lancaster's Millennium Theatre for "Daniel and the Lion's Dan," Apple Dinner Theater for "Guy and Dolls," revisit Padre Pio Shrine and more. Cost \$259.00 per person, double occupancy - \$100.00 deposit required. May 22 we will visit the 9-11 Flight 93 Memorial Site and the Quecreek Mine Rescue Site and hear the stories of the those "who were there." Buffet lunch included. Cost-\$50.00. Make all checks payable to Mary Ann Coholich and mail to St. Mary's Church. Call Mary Ann at 412-486-0165 or Arlene at 412-487-1891 for more information.

**RICE BOWLS**, still available in the foyer, are reminders of the 842 million people in the world who can't afford basic food needs. Of the 6.3 billion people in our world, 1.2 billion live on less than \$1.00 per day. YOUR Lenten sacrifices given in the Rice Bowl will go to assist those most needy helped through catholic Relief Services. **Bring Rice Bowls back to church when you come for EASTER liturgy or the week after Easter.**

## ***PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS*** from Father John

The HOLIEST WEEK in the year! It has come upon us so quickly this year, has it not? I hope that we do not let it slip by without spending a few minutes reflecting upon its religious significance in all our lives. It is during this coming week that we celebrate once more the magnificent events that relive for us the mystery of the DYING AND RISING of the Lord Jesus. For all of us who are disciples of the Christ, it is the central mystery of our Catholic Faith and of our individual lives. The Church herself, who shapes the Faith of each of our lives, was born out of this mystery. Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection from the empty tomb is the central event that gives meaning to all that is THE CATHOLIC CHURCH! We all belong to this Community of Faith, the Church. Yet, it is in belonging to this Parish Family of *St. Mary of the Assumption*, we now have a new destiny created by the events that we celebrate this week.

Death no longer possesses a fearful grip on our human lives, for the Lord Jesus has broken the bonds of death with resurrection from the dead. We are now free to live in the beauty of each day for our Catholic Faith raises our awareness to a life way beyond that of this world. The resurrection of the Lord Jesus guarantees that those of us who live in his stead will also share his fate.

**Holy Week** captures in *liturgy* the splendor of these events. This is not just another week, when we go to church a little more often. These are sacred moments when we celebrate the meaning of life at its very core. As Jesus prepares to enter into the final week of his life, we also prepare ourselves for the final moments of our own personal lives. Follow Jesus during these days and ultimately we will share in his eternal glory.

It is times like these that remind us how important our Parish Family is to each of our lives. The generosity of so many people in offering their time and talent makes this week's liturgies so sublime. From the heavenly sounds of the music to the noble décor of the building ..... from the reflective proclamation of the Word to the dedicated commitment of those in the sanctuary ..... from the prayerful postures of the assembly to the faithful service of the ministers ..... WE all have an opportunity to share our presence around the Table of the Lord. Please, do not let all of this pass you by without reflecting upon its significance for all our lives!!!