

Ordinary Time

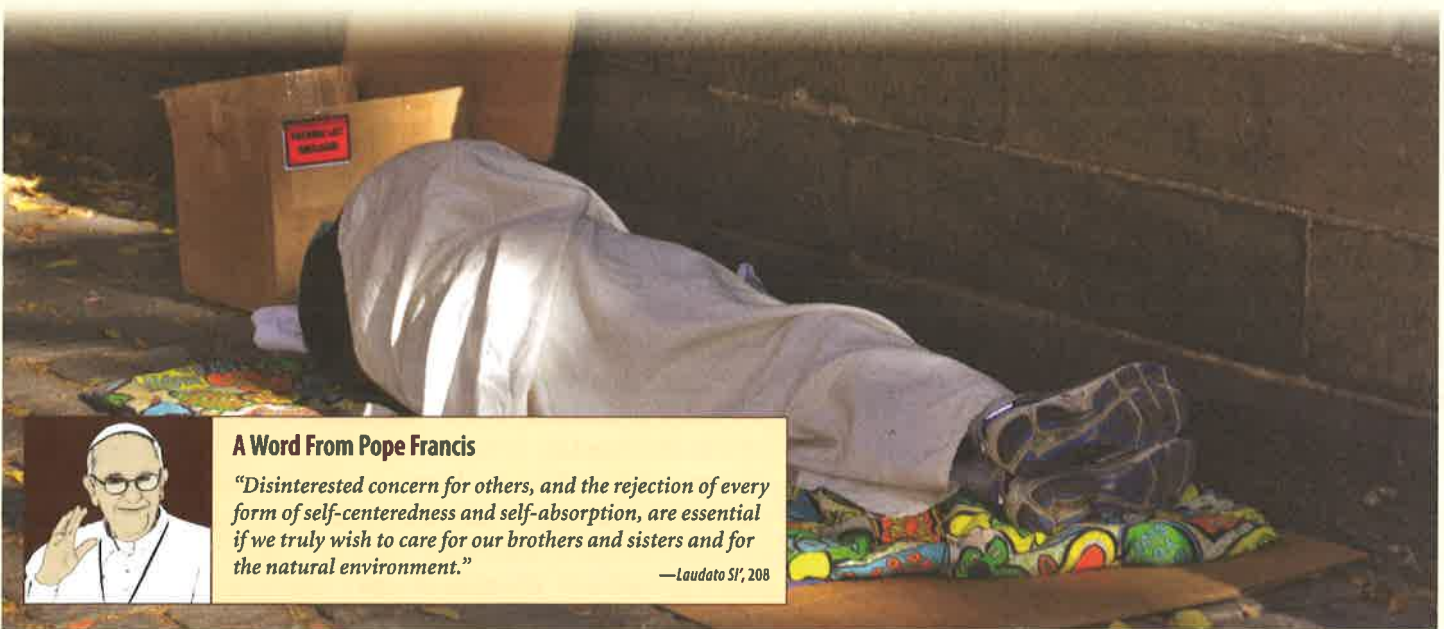
September 18, 2016 ♦ Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Am 8:4-7 ♦ 1 Tm 2:1-8 ♦ Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

When Pope Francis was elected, Catholics were inspired by his humility and simplicity. When he bowed before the people in St. Peter's Square and asked for their prayers, the little crowd gathered around the TV in the basement of the Catholic Center was moved to tears. When he announced that he would continue living in the guest house rather than the papal apartments and eat in the cafeteria, we cheered. But Pope Francis also challenged us. He wanted us to examine how we treated the poor and marginalized of the world. In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, he confronted us with the understanding that our misuse of the environment impacted the poor first of all and that we could no longer continue to consume our natural resources in a reckless and greedy fashion.

The prophet Amos has some harsh words for those who exploit the poor. In the Old Testament, care for the widow, orphan, and stranger—the poorest of the poor—were among the most righteous things a person could do. Many prophets pointed to the failure to do so as a sign that the people had turned from the Lord and, in their sin, cared only for themselves. More recent figures who also have indicated that the measure of a society is the way they treat their poorest members include Ghandi, Pope St. John Paul II, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Christ commanded us to love one another. Surely this includes seeing that all have the basic necessities of life, even if that means we don't get everything we want.

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A Word From Pope Francis

"Disinterested concern for others, and the rejection of every form of self-centeredness and self-absorption, are essential if we truly wish to care for our brothers and sisters and for the natural environment."

—*Laudato Si'*, 208

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Gregory White

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT 5:15 PM MARY BUTLER
SUN 7:30 AM JOHN "BUDDY" PALKO
9:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
11:00 AM ROBERT ELLISON
MON No MASS
TUE 7:00 PM GREGORY WHITE
WED 7:30 AM AGNES MCCARTNEY

THU 7:00 PM BILL FLANAGAN
FRI 7:30 AM MARYANNA NIEMCZYK
SAT 5:15 PM SOPHIE & DOMINIC PAOLUCCI
SUN 7:30 AM JOHN BRADLEY
9:00 AM ANTHONY DIGUGLIELMO
11:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Porambo 5:15pm McNamara 7:30am Collura 9:00am McCauley 11:00am DeFalco

| <u>DAY</u> | <u>MASS</u> | <u>LECTOR</u> | <u>COMMENTATOR</u> | <u>ALTAR SERVERS</u> |
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| SAT | 5:15pm | Ann Marie Arbo | Joe Bailey | Joey Cizmarik, Ande and Ethan Kraycik |
| SUN | 7:30am | Sean Werner | Dan Sweeney | Joey Conlon, Sean Purretta, Aiden Reber |
| | 9:00am | Stephanie Myers | Isabelita Santos | Ally and Jacob Santos, Sarah Forkin |
| | 11:00am | Mary Ann Cotter | Barbara Romig | Will Gray, Christopher and Lyndsay Surkosky |

Second collection next week is for Religious Ministries

Youth Group

Welcome Back Picnic

will be held on Friday,
September 23rd, 6-8pm in
the social hall.

All youth of the parish in
grades 7-12 are invited and
welcome to bring a friend.

*If you want, you can bring a
snack or dessert to share.*

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John & Margaret Kakas, Maryanne Prentice, Tracy Seasholtz, Aaron Gulla, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Alice Smyk, Yolanda Marino, Marjorie & Walter Hansen, Ann Schlott, Kathy Patrick, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary & Phil Morici, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Champion, Dan Casciano, Paisley Stout, Jake Maccarone, William Janda, James Smith, Madge Butto, Roseann Malcolm, Doris Slater, Joan Cronin, Rita Conrad, Mark McDonald, Rose Osorio, Tony Guilliams, Joan Smith, Dolores McCullough, Steve Manmarella, Phil Kubovcsak, Gloria Richards, Jennifer Pinti, Jane Falcone, Fannie Hunter, Barbara Wright, Mavrick Laxton, Anthony Pucci, Virginia Marks, Andrew Martin, Father Donald Birch, The Ravert Family, Harry Wood, Mary Okuniewski, Paul Bringenberg, Joseph Kolenda, Kenneth Barth, Dominic Strock and Ronald Kryman

Welcome our new parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. John Murgitroyde

Congratulate the recently baptized: Liliana Rae Villagrana and Brianna Nicole Specht

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

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| Sun | 09/18 | 1pm Protecting God's Children |
| Mon | 09/19 | 7:30pm RCIA |
| Tues | 09/20 | 1:30 Grief Sharing Group 7:30 Grief Sharing Group 7:30pm Bell Choir |
| Wed | 09/21 | 6:30pm Women's Society |
| Thurs | 09/22 | 7:30pm Adult Choir |
| Fri | 09/23 | 6pm Youth Group Picnic |
| Sat | 09/24 | 4-5pm Confession Women's Society Bake Sale |

WHAT'S HAPPENING

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Immaculate Conception Academy and Early Education Program is still enrolling for 2016-17!

If you have a student in PreSchool, Pre-K or Kindergarten through 8th grade, we welcome you to visit and see what an Immaculate Conception Academy education can do for your child! **Please contact Adele Reilly, Advancement Director at 610-404-8645 or adele.reilly@icaknights.org for more information or to schedule a tour!**

Immaculate Conception Academy Positions

Classroom Aide position for 2nd Grade. Call Patricia Tarquinio at 610-404-8645. **Aftercare** is looking for someone willing to work several hours per week from 3pm-6pm. Call Laura DeFalco at 610-463-8157. All positions require completion of "Protecting God's Children" and obtain required background checks and clearances.

RESORTS AC TRIP – *Come along and enjoy the last days of summer by the ocean at the Jersey Shore!* September 23rd - LEAVE the Church promptly at 9:30am- Package Deal: Pay \$32 get \$25 Back - Call Carol J. if interested @ 610-775-4447

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Are you looking to for a "Faith Refresher?" Join Msgr. McCann, Deacon Paul Hiryak and guest speakers to learn more about our Catholic faith. RCIA isn't just for persons interested in Catholicism. It's for everyone who desires a deeper understanding of what we believe and practice as Catholics. Sessions are Mondays, 7:30-9pm. You are welcome to attend as many as your schedule permits. For info or to register, call the office at 610.582.2411.

Immaculate Conception sponsors Youth Groups for both our Junior and Senior High School students. Activities include monthly meetings, service projects, a mission trip, retreat opportunities and other activities. We are currently seeking adults who would be willing to assist in leadership roles with our Youth Groups. We are looking for individuals willing to witness to their faith and to help organize, plan and supervise activities. If you are willing to assist or would like more information, please contact Monsignor McCann at 610-582-2411. All volunteers must attend a Protecting God's Children Workshop and complete the background checks required by our Safe Environment protocols.

If you have lost a loved one and the grief is painful, come to our parish GRIEF SHARING GROUP on September 20th in the lower level of the Admin Office (enter across from the playground). A presentation will be given 1:30-2:30pm and then repeated 7:30-8:30pm. If you have questions or just want to talk please call Pat Fessler at 610 775-1892 or Toni Kaucher at 610 404-1389.

Women's Society Annual Covered Dish Social – All Women of the parish are invited to join us in the social hall on September 21st at 6:30pm. Bring one of your favorite dishes to share with everyone. All members are asked to attend if possible, and invite a friend or two. If you have been wondering how you can get to know other women of the parish or serve the church in some way, the Women's Society could be exactly what you are looking for. Resolve to come and check us out this year. You will be most warmly welcomed.

The Women's Society will be preparing and baking Apple Dumplings on October 14/15 in the social from 9am – till? We also need helpers to press and roll dough on October 12th at 9am. Come one or all days. We usually finish up around 1pm after a lite lunch. Easy, stress free, fun work with a great bunch of people. See the separate order sheet in the narthex and bulletin to order yours today. Orders should be placed and prepaid by October 1st. We may have extras to sell but if you are sure you would like one or two, we encourage you to pre-order. Extras go really fast! **Pick up your order in the social hall before or after Masses on October 15/16.**

DON'T DELAY! Buy your **Boscov's Friends Helping Friends** shopping pass today in the narthex of the church to save \$\$\$ on **October 18th, 9am-11pm**. The shopping pass is only \$5 (100% of the proceeds go to the church). You will enjoy a whopping 25% off your purchases throughout the store (exceptions listed on the pass). Enjoy refreshments, entertainment, and a chance at some valuable prizes. YOU could be the winner of one of the \$100 or \$500 shoppings sprees so don't forget to drop your stub off at one of the collection boxes throughout the store.

Cookies, Cakes, and Pies- Oh MY! – The Women's Society Bake Sale will include many delicious, homemade desserts. Drop by our table before and after all Masses on September 24/25 and check out all of the goodies. Choose one of your favorites, or try something new. Proceeds benefit the church. **Donations of baked goods are appreciated and will be happily accepted before all Masses.** You don't have to be a member to share one of your favorite recipes with us.

Sunday School begins September 25th. Registration now open for children ages 3 to 5. Forms are available in the narthex and parish office. Anyone interested in volunteering must meet all diocesan requirements and have all state mandated clearances. If you would like to volunteer, call 610-582-3880.

"Encounter Mercy and Truth" The Annual Diocesan Men's Conference will be held on November 5th, 9am-5pm at De Sales University. The day will include keynote addresses, exhibits and a vigil Mass with Bishop Barres. Continental breakfast and lunch is included. Registration fee is \$35 (**\$25 early bird before 9/22.**) and \$10 for high school/ college students. For more information and to register online please visit www.cmfd.org or call 610-289-8900.

CRAFT FAIR – Birdsboro Community Center, 201 East Main St. – 9/23 5-9pm, 9/24&25 9am-6pm – Thousands of items, Holiday Decorations and Gifts – Proceeds benefit the local food bank and Community Center. Info 610-582-4377

Thanks for your generous donations of cleaning products to help those in our community who are having a difficult time financially and are in need of these items. Please continue to place whatever you can bring, particularly laundry detergent, in the blue container near the front door of our Church.

September 18, 2016

dear Padre



GEO MARTINEZ / SHUTTERSTOCK

Policing work computers



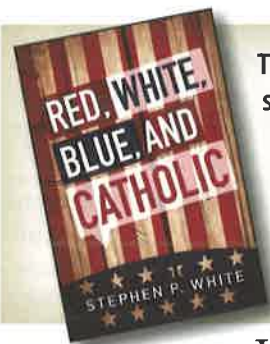
Is it ethical for businesses to monitor employees' Internet use on workplace computers?

There is no divine command on this subject, though the issue behind your question probably concerns your sensitivity to your need for privacy in your workplace. Employees do, indeed, need confidence that privacy is safeguarded. Similarly, the company would not want just anyone to have access to what their employees are developing, and they have the same right to protect against breaches, even internally.

Another matter is that when an individual accepts employment with an organization or institution, he or she makes a commitment to give a just day's work for a just wage or salary. The *Catechism* categorizes this under the Seventh Commandment, specifically as a matter of "commutative justice [which]

requires safeguarding property rights, paying debts, and fulfilling obligations freely contracted" (CCC 2411). Computers, the Internet, and even social media are marvelous technologies with great benefits to productivity and revenue. Most jobs today involve such tools, but they can also be misused. Some people waste hours playing games; checking posts, feeds, and forums; or idly surfing. Psychologists caution that some of these behaviors can increase to the level of an addiction, and if this becomes a reality at work, the employee is not living up to his or her contract, which is unjust. When management suspects this, it has the right to look into it so it knows how its payroll is being spent.

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There is a limit to what human laws can do to make good citizens. We need something else to ensure that the freedom guaranteed by law does not devolve into license and end up harming citizens and the republic itself. In the United States, the Christian faith has always been that something.

—From *Red, White, Blue, and Catholic*
by Stephen P. White (826450)

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Monday
SEPTEMBER 19
Weekday
Prv 3:27–34
Lk 8:16–18

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 20
Sts. Andrew
Kim Tae-gön, Priest,
and
Paul Chông Ha-sang,
and Companions,
Martyrs
Prv 21:1–6, 10–13
Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 21
St. Matthew,
Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13
Mt 9:9–13

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 22
Weekday
Eccl 1:2–11
Lk 9:7–9

Friday
SEPTEMBER 23
Saint Pius of Pietrelcina,
Priest
Eccl 3:1–11
Lk 9:18–22

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 24
Weekday
Eccl 11:9–12:8
Lk 9:43b–45

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 25
Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Am 6:1a, 4–7
1 Tm 6:11–16
Lk 16:19–31

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It's Apple Dumpling Time



It's that wonderful season when all of the local orchard's trees are dripping with beautiful fresh apples.

What could be better on a crisp fall day than a warm Apple Dumpling with ice cream, milk, or whipped cream.

The Women's Society is baking up these sweet, juicy dumplings for your enjoyment. Just warm them up if you like, and serve.....yummy

*Dumplings are \$4.00 each and should be ordered and prepaid using the order form below. We may have some extras, but why take a chance on missing out on these wonderful treats. Place your order today. Place your order by **October 1st** by placing order sheet and payment in the collection basket, or by dropping at the Parish Office Building. You may also mail to church at 905 Chestnut Street, Douglassville, PA 19518. Checks should be made payable to "The Women's Society". Dumplings may be picked up after Mass on Saturday, October 15th, or after Sunday Masses, October 16th in the social hall. Please indicate when ordering which day you would like to pick them up.*

Apple Dumpling Order Form

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Quantity _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Pick up date (circle one)

Sat. Oct.15

Sun. Oct 16