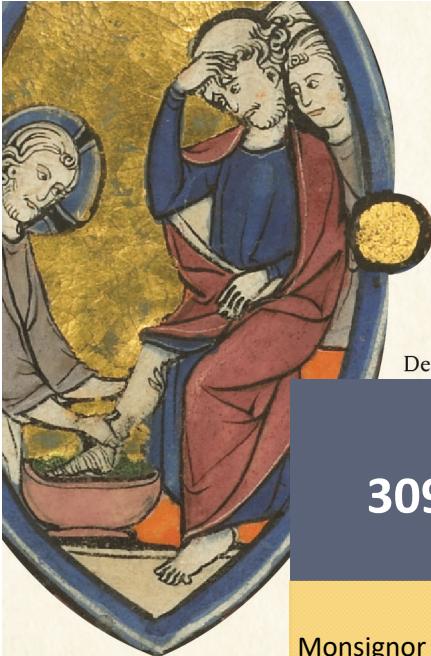


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The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

M A R K 10:45

Detail, Anonymous, *Christ Washing the Apostles' Feet*, Paris, c. 1250-1260

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NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. Oct. 23 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham,
Maria Spayd

Sun. Oct. 24 - 8:00 AM - Diane Turcovsky,
Daniel Turcovsky

Sun. Oct. 24 - 11:00 AM - Gary Johnson, Susan Podoletz

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Oct. 23 - 4:00 PM - Keaton Swope, NOT FILLED

Sun. Oct. 24 - 8:00 AM - Amber Yasolsky, Mai Linh Do

Sun. Oct. 24-11:00 AM - Kaelab Ruggles, Camille Krug

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Oct. 23 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Lou Ann Clark

Sun. Oct. 24 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci

Sun. Oct. 24 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti,
Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Oct. 23 - 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Judy Sneath,
NOT FILLED , NOT FILLED

Sun. Oct. 24 - 8:00 AM - Ray Kennedy, Carolyn English,
Paula VanSickel, Larry VanSickel

Sun. Oct. 24 - 11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Marilyn Bevan,
Wendy Campbell, Peg Madden

SACRISTAN

Sat. Oct. 23 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham

Sun. Oct. 24 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci

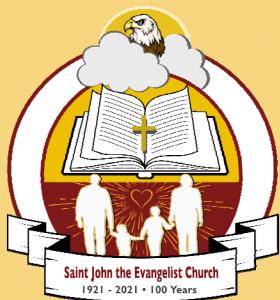
Sun. Oct. 24 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. Oct. 23 - 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Becky Merilli

Sun. Oct. 24 - 8:00 AM - Erika & Heather Yasolsky

Sun. Oct. 24 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph



October Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Missionary disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged
in evangelization, available to the mission, by being
witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

A Few Words from the Pastor:

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD HAS BEGUN! Our Atrium is prepared and we have welcomed our first group of children. If you have a child or grandchild who is aged 3 – 5, and would like to register for this program, it is not too late. Please call the parish office at your earliest convenience. Our sessions are held on Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM. Our catechist will be contacting those parents who show interest, and meets with each family individually for an orientation! God is so good to us in revealing to our little ones the Good Shepherd!

ROSARY MONTH! The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

A CENTENNIAL GARDEN? The large tree in front of the church was diseased and damaged and has been removed. This gives us a space for some creative thinking and planning on how we might utilize that space. How might we develop that space to create a Centennial Garden, as we celebrate our hundredth anniversary? Your input is very much appreciated!

LUKE THE EVANGELIST is one of the four traditionally ascribed authors of the canonical gospels. The Early Church Fathers ascribed to him authorship of both the Gospel of Luke and he is also credited with the Book of Acts in the New Testament. He is mentioned by the Apostle Paul in some of Paul's letters to first-century churches. He is the only Gentile Christian among the Gospel writers. It is thought that he may have been converted to Christianity by Paul. He likely studied to be a physician in Antioch, in Syria. What is distinctive about Luke's Gospel is the attention he gives to the women who were disciples of Jesus, as well as the number of Jesus' parables which he records.

CLERGY CONFERENCE – Our annual clergy conference is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday of this week at the Antiochian Village in Ligonier. Bishop Mark intends to give an update on the upcoming synod in Rome on Synodality in the life of the Church, as well as reflections on what we can expect regarding the “Eucharistic Revival” planned for the United States over the next couple years. Stay tuned!

THE NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY - On the first Friday of each month there is Eucharistic adoration at a specified parish in Altoona. Adoration begins at 8 o'clock, and continues until 11 o'clock. This Society of priests and laity has a long history in Europe and around the world. As the Church in the United States prepares to observe a Eucharistic Revival, this is the perfect time for our parishes to place renewed emphasis on Eucharistic Adoration. The site for nocturnal adoration varies from month to month. We are going to make a special effort to keep our parishioners informed as to the site for Nocturnal Adoration, and the hour that has been set aside for members of our own parish. The Nocturnal Adoration Society has a threefold purpose: 1) To provide a fervent response to Christ's invitation to keep prayerful vigil with Him (Mathew 26:38-40; Mark 14:37,38; Luke 22:40-46). 2) To deepen the experience of communion with Christ Eucharistic, as He continues His self-offering and saving influence. 3) To live more consciously and actively the full significance of the Eucharist as the sacrament of charity and unity for the Church and the World. We will make certain that the details for each first Friday are posted in the bulletin. Remember the words of Jesus to his sleepy disciples in the Garden: “Could you not watch with me for one hour?”

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.



Thank you!

Although words are always insufficient to express our feelings, it is all I have right now. Thank you for all the cards, notes and condolences that you have offered to my family, at the death of my wife, Barbara. I pray that you will join me in thanking God that she was able to be part of our lives.



A handwritten signature in cursive ink that reads "Deacon Gue".

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Just a reminder that Parents/Students should wear a mask/facial covering when entering the building.

October 17: 9:15 - 10:45 CLASS/9th Grade Fall Session -

The Creed

October 24: SHYCON for 9th-11th Grade

October 24: NO CLASS for K-8th Grade

October 31: 9:15 - 10:45 CLASS/11th Grade Fall Session-

Review of the Confirmation Rite/
Sacraments & the Pascal Mystery

October 31: 1:30 PM TRUNK OR TREAT

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Our culture constantly encourages us to do what we can to get ahead in this world, to do what feels good, no matter the effects; that power, authority, and wealth should be our goal. Our faith offers us something different and fulfilling. As Christian stewards, we are called to give our lives in humble service of God and neighbor, just as Jesus did. Our life is not supposed to be only about us. It is about fulfilling God's glorious plan. So, we must ask ourselves, are we living to reach His goal for me, personally? Is my life centered on Christ and others or is it "all about me?"

It can be difficult to know God's plan for our entire life. He sees the whole picture, we can only see the now. All we can do is seek Him daily. If each day is centered on Him, then our entire lives will become the work of Jesus. So let us make it our daily mission to do the will of God in Spirit and action. It will look different for each one of us. (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc.

2021/9/20)

October 3, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 6,349.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 294.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 1.25
Catholic Education	\$ 133.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 75.00
Haiti Disaster Relief	\$ 150.00
Retired Priest Medical	\$ 35.00
All Saints Day	\$ 45.00
All Souls Day	\$ 55.00
Food Bank Collection	\$ 50.00
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ 7,187.25
Online Giving	\$ 3,398.00
Total Offertory	\$ 10,585.25

Restore*Repair*Rejoice

Payments/Donations \$179,466

Pledge Payment Committed \$9,935

Total Pledges/Donations \$189,401

2021 Catholic Ministries Drive: Goal \$42,813

Payments/Donations \$45,550

Pledge Payments Committed \$400

Total Pledges/Donations \$45,950

*Over our Goal \$2,737

ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at gyny.reeder@gmail.com to add or remove someone from the prayer list. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. *Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need:*

Aiden • Seth Alexander • Amy B. • Scott Brenneman
Dan Burley • Cari Ann • Michelle Cooney
Mary Lee Madigan-Davis • Betty Dennis
Mary Lee DeStefano • Michael DeStefano
Bernadine Farrell • Kathy Felty • Leann Frazier
Randy Horton • Alexandra Hudson • Don James
Nancy James • Tim Jimenez • Amy Langenbacher • Lisa
Sherri Maffettone • Genevieve Mathias • Susie Miller
Karrie McCall • Sylvia Louise Mills • Barbara Moore
Ailani Myers • Patricia Olson • Mary Oricko
Linda Pletcher • Connie R • Mary Rajnish
Allison Recker • Vicki Riley • Olga Romerowicz
Mike Rudolph • Pat Seiler • Bruce Shank
Anne Showalter • Betsy Slat • Mary Jo Stephenson
Tim Temofonte • Joyce Villani • Kathy Wagner
Lois Werfel • Daronda Wooldridge

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

**Kenneth Farabaugh - uncle of Fred Fornwalt
& Cecelia Bloom**

May he rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

DESPOT SCHOLARSHIPS: The John and Helen Despot Scholarship Fund is making available two \$500 scholarships for any student of St. John's who is attending a Catholic elementary or middle school this year. Applications are available in the Gathering Space or can be obtained from the parish office. The deadline for application is October 29, and the scholarship will be awarded next month. We are grateful for the generosity of the Despot family, who has so generously established this fund in memory of their parents John and Helen.

ST. FRANCIS ANIMAL DRIVE: Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Prince Gallitzin, Altoona, is holding a "St Francis Animal Drive" to support the local animal shelters during the entire month of October. A box for any donated items such as dog/cat food, toys, cleaning products, paper towels, large garbage bags will be placed in the Gathering Space. A complete list of needed items is on the box. All gifts are much appreciated by the local Humane Society. Thank You.

COMING SOON -THE ANGEL TREE:

Catholic Charities is in the process of identifying 10 families' children for whom we will be purchasing gifts & gift cards. We will be putting up the angel tree as soon as we receive this information. The contact person will be Joyce Cunningham (jmsc1863@gmail.com or text 814-873-5678)





RAFFLE TICKETS FOR AFGHAN: Help us help our neighbor ... the Altoona Catholic Daughters of the Americas are selling raffle tickets for an afghan made by one of our member's mother! Tickets are \$5.00 each. For tickets contact Donna at 814-631-3509. Flyers are in most parish foyers or you can see a flyer online at: cda2625.com/2021-afghan.pdf. Sponsored by Court Prince Gallitzin #2625

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Spirituality and Service!

New members are always welcome!

Find us online at: cda2625.com

TOASTY TODDLER COLLECTION: St. John's Women's Group is still accepting donations for the Toasty Toddler Program. We are asking for NEW Hats, Scarves & Gloves, Coats & Snowsuits for Boys and Girls. Sizes needed are Newborn through Toddler Size 5T and 4, 5, 6, 6x, 7, 8 or Small. There is a box in the Gathering Space for your donation.



LOVE FEAST THANK YOU: Over the past 14 years, many of you fellow parishioners have participated in 1 or more ways in our hosting 2-3 Love Feasts annually with Simpson Temple United Parish. You have bought supplies or participated in setting up, serving & clean-up for the 60-85 guests attending the dinners. Your enthusiasm & compassion had often been complimented by the poor &/or lonely guests that you received as Christ. Unfortunately, a combination of the pandemic & The Arts Foundation assuming ownership of Simpson Temple's resources have resulted in termination of Love Feasts. Again, thank you to all of you for your efforts & compassionate outreach to those in need in our community.

DIAPER DRIVE FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Thank you to all who have dropped off diapers in the Gathering Space. We will continue to collect diapers through the end of October. Catholic Charities is in need of the larger sizes, specifically sizes 4, 5, 6, and 7. Thank you again.

TAKE OUT SPAGHETTI DINNER: St. Mary's Altoona Christian Mothers Spaghetti Dinner (take out only), will be held on Sunday, November 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The pick-up location is the Saint. Mary's Memorial Hall at 1418 Fourth Avenue, Altoona. Dinners are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children under 10, children under 3 years of age are free. Tickets will be sold after Mass at St. Mary's the weekends of October 16/17, October 23/24 and October 30/31. Tickets can also be purchased at the St. Mary's Rectory (1405 Fifth Avenue) or by calling 814-942-2416. *Deadline for ordering is Sunday, October 31.*



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Through his suffering,
my servant shall justify many.

— *Isaiah 53:11b*

Schedule for the Week

Sunday, October 17 – The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *Barbara Neral* requested by
Margie & Mike Gschwendtner

11:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

Monday, October 18 – St. Luke, Evangelist

8:30 AM - Mass for *Diane Long* requested by
Dee Schmerbeck & Family

Tuesday, October 19 – Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Wednesday, October 20 – Weekday

5:30 PM - Confessions
6:00 PM - Communion Service

Thursday, October 21 – Weekday

8:30AM– Communion Service

Friday, October 22 – St. Teresa of Jesus Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM - Mass for *Joan Litzinger* requested by
Bernie & Peggy Yasulites

Saturday, October 23 - Vigil of The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00 PM - Confessions
4:00 PM - Mass for *Robert Cole* requested by
William Rowan Family

Sunday, October 24 – The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00 AM - Mass for *Andrew Dancha* requested by
Frank & Nancy Mincin

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17;
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94;
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

TRUNK OR TREAT



**St John the Evangelist
Church**

309 Lotz Ave Altoona

Sunday October 31st

1:30pm church parking lot

**Safe and fun
place to trick
or treat!
All ages
welcome!
Bring your
grandchildren
and friends!**



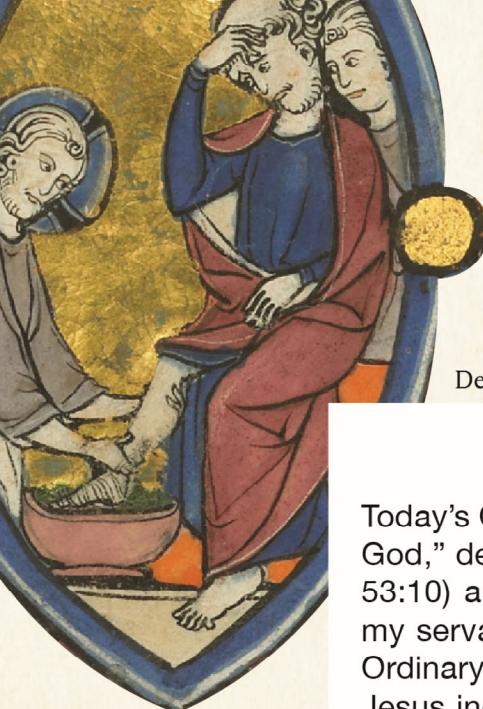
All families are invited to dress up in their best costume, decorate the trunk of their car, and join us in the church parking lot. Each family is asked to bring candy to share as children trick or treat from car to car. We will be pairing up with the Lakemont Fire Hall again this year for the Halloween parade starting at 2pm. Help us make this a great annual event for our parish and community!



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Detail, Anonymous, *Christ Washing the Apostles' Feet*, Paris, c. 1250-1260

CONTINUALLY LEARNING FROM JESUS

Today's Old Testament selection, from Isaiah's "Fourth Song of the Suffering Servant of God," describes God's Servant as one who "gives his life as an offering for sin" (Isaiah 53:10) and celebrates the mighty power of that self-offering: "through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear" (53:11). As always during Ordinary Time, this Old Testament reading prepares us for today's longer form Gospel. Jesus incarnates the redemptive suffering that Isaiah foresaw in the offering of God's Servant, as well as the covenantal restoration that the Servant's sacrifice achieved. The reading from Hebrews confirms our finding peace in continually learning from Jesus, whatever our deepest flaws and trials: for Jesus, our "great high priest" (Hebrews 4:14) is not "unable to sympathize with our weaknesses," for Jesus was "tested in every way" that we are (4:15).

MISUNDERSTANDING JESUS

Throughout this part of Ordinary Time, Mark's Gospel tracks the disciples' progressive misunderstanding about Jesus' mission and the nature of discipleship. We heard Jesus make two predictions about his Passion on Sundays in September, and just before today's Gospel episode, Jesus informed the Twelve: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise" (Mark 10:33-34). Despite Jesus' three predictions and his definition of "glory" and "power" as serving others in humility, James and John still imagine Jesus as bound for a glorious earthly messiahship. How moving that Jesus, rather than scolding James and John as he had previously rebuked Peter, instead begins teaching them patiently, "You do not know what you are asking" (10:38).

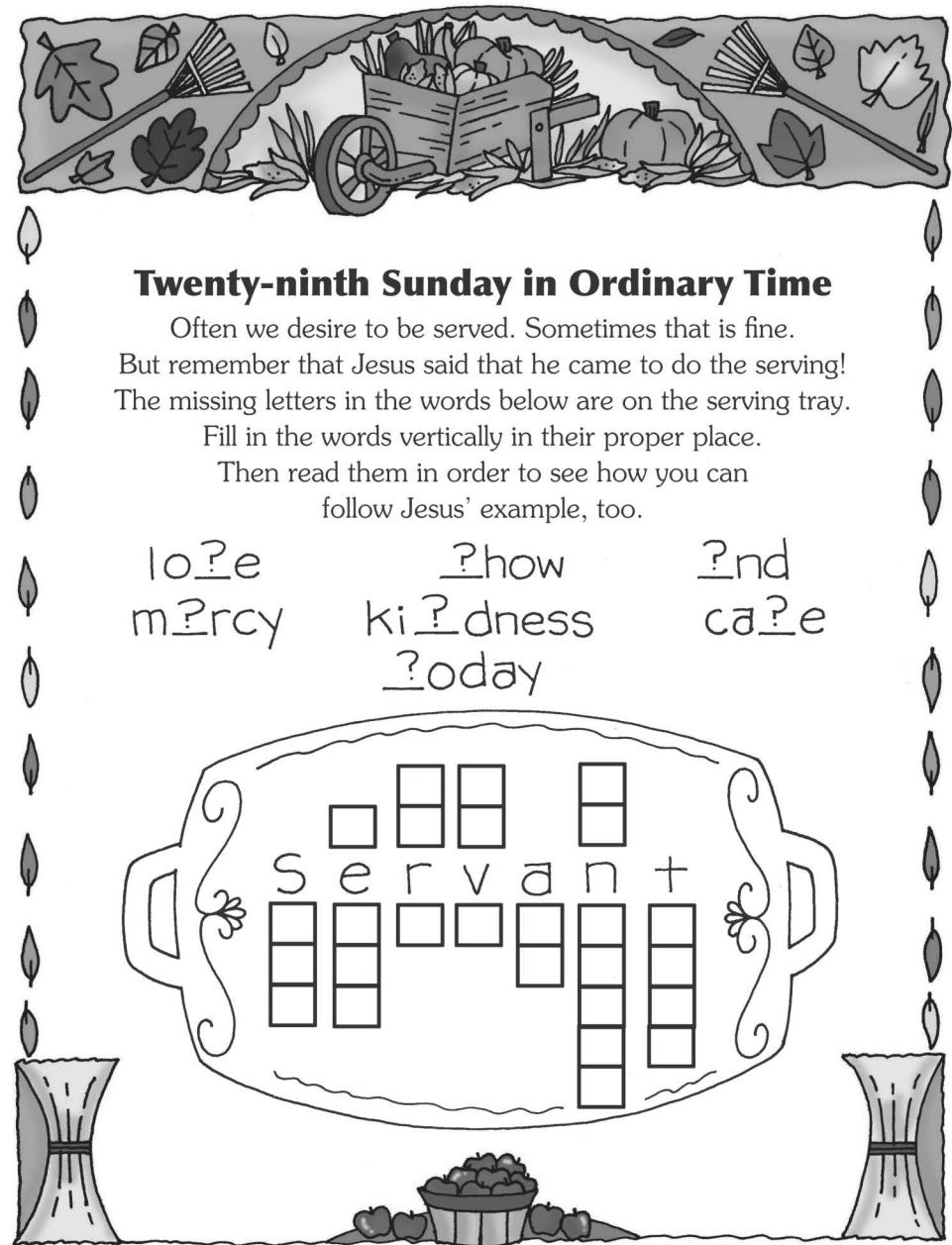
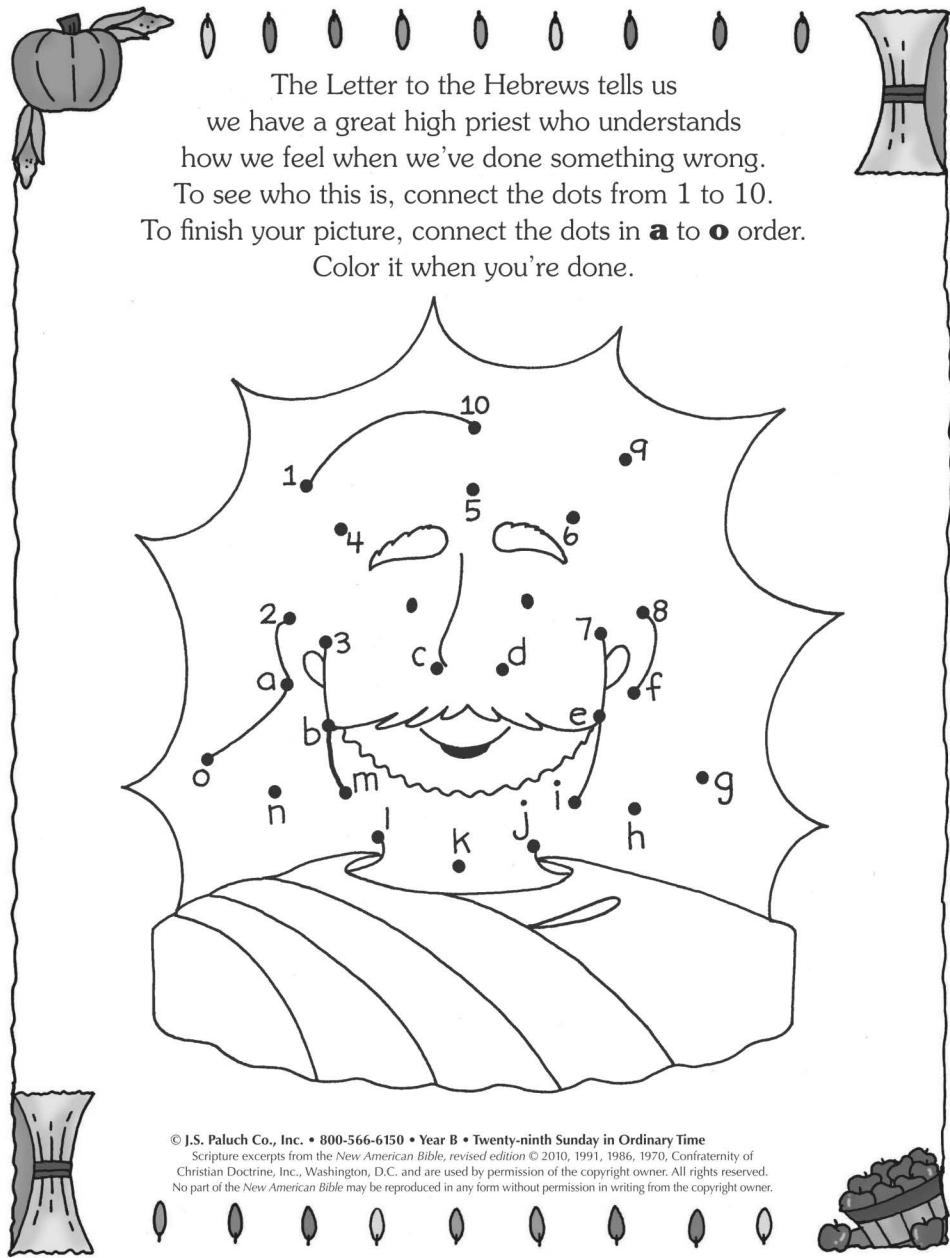
SELF-EXAMINATION

Knowing that Jesus' throne of glory is also a "throne of grace," from which Jesus bestows "mercy and grace for timely help" (Hebrews 4:16), today's Gospel suggests sincere self-examination: How do we approach Jesus and make our requests? What do we ask for: what Jesus wants us to do or, like James and John today, do we demand "whatever we want" from Jesus? Does the world in which we live and work focus our hearts on glory to the right and power on the left? Or does "the cup we drink," "the baptism" we've received inspire us to gladly become servants of all, like the Jesus who has made us his disciples? Do we also avoid imitating the "indignant ten" other Apostles who rebuked James and John? Or are we also quick to see the errors of others and rash in passing judgment on them? How do we live in response to Jesus who gave his life "as a ransom for many"?

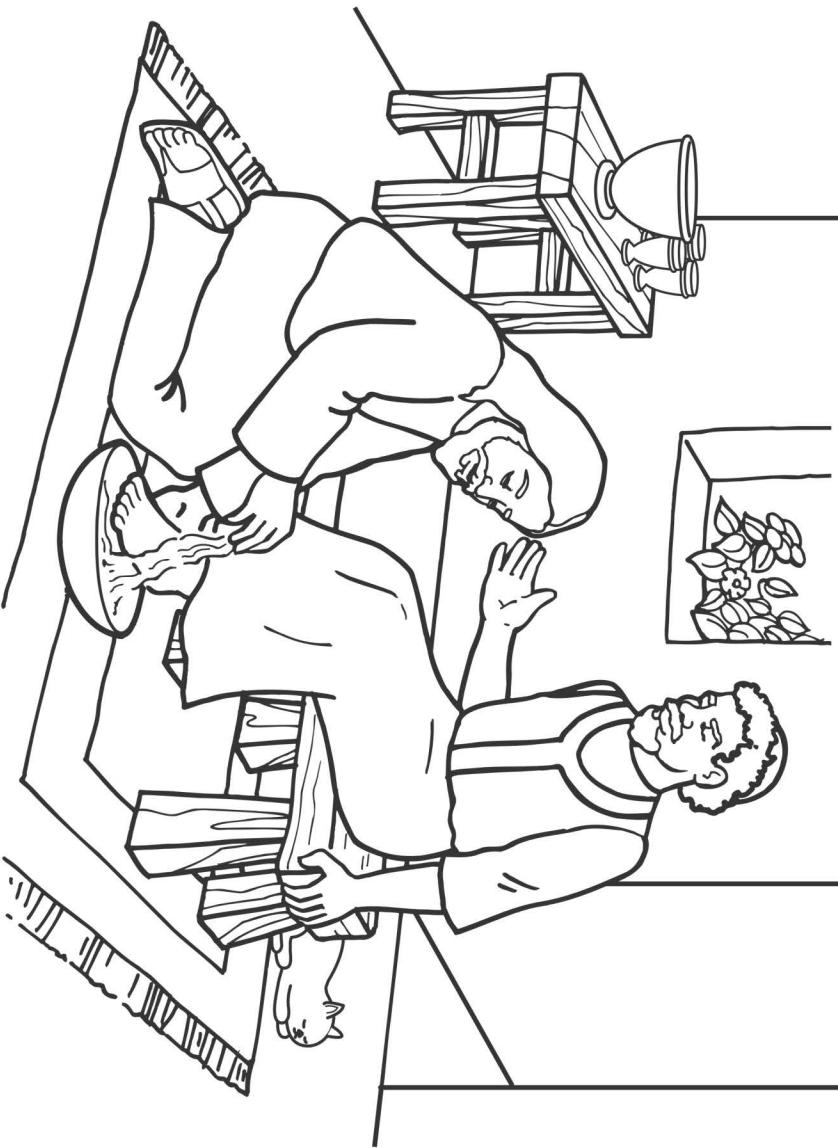
TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 53:10-11
Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
Hebrews 4:14-16
Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]

God's Word for Children



“The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve.” Mark 10:45



On October 11, we celebrated the memorial of St. Pope John XXIII, the 261st pope of the Catholic Church. He served as pope for only a short time, from 1958 to 1963. Pope John was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli in Lombardy in northern Italy on November 25, 1881. He was the fourth child in a family of fourteen. His family were poor sharecroppers, which means that they worked a farm owned by someone else and were paid with a share of what they had grown. Angelo was elected pope on October 28, 1958, and took the name John. The Roman numerals after the name mean that in the long history of the Church there have been twenty-two other popes also named John. John XXIII was a meek and gentle man who often visited prisons and hospitals. He was the supreme leader of the entire Catholic Church who made time each day to perform corporal and spiritual works of mercy. People around the world recognized his goodness and his likeness to the Good Shepherd. They began to call him “Good Pope John.” You can see pictures of him on the Internet.

When Angelo was 14 years old, long before he became pope, he began keeping a diary of his faith life. He wrote his ideas, his good resolutions, his prayers, and his personal thoughts in a notebook. After he died these writings were published as *Journal of a Soul*.

Think about beginning a journal of your own. Each night, perhaps with an adult in your family, write in a small notebook one thing that will help you become more like St. Pope John XXIII. Include your thoughts and good works, prayers that you say, and actions that you would like to practice. Fill it with descriptions of your faith life as it continues to grow stronger and stronger.



