**Last Weekend’s Offertory**

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Thank you! Your support is our parish’s strength.

**Special Collections**

- 10/1 & 2 Fuel Offering
- 10/8 & 9 Monthly Renovation
- 10/15 & 16 World Mission Sunday

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**~Stewardship~**

“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.” 2 Timothy 1:7

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything, all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party, at work or out shopping, would your actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

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**~Word of Life~**

“We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us.” — Pope Francis, Misericordiae vultus, © 2015. Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission.

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**Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi**

**Feast Day – October 4th**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

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**From the Pastor...**

Monday afternoon, Oct. 10th, I am planning to depart our Parish to travel to Boston and on to Italy. I’m expecting to return from Rome and The Jubilee of Mercy on the evening of Friday, Oct. 21st. An Assumptionist priest from Fiskdale will cover all Masses on the weekend of Oct. 15/16. There will be no weekday morning Masses until I return.
SACRED HEART CEMETERY FALL CLEAN-UP
On Monday, Oct. 3rd Fall Cemetery Clean-up will begin; therefore, the diocese requests that you please remove all flowers, pots, and decorations from graves in all diocesan cemeteries including Sacred Heart Cemetery NO LATER THAN THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2nd.
Anything remaining after this date will be discarded. Winter baskets/decorations may be placed at graves on or after December 1st. Thank you.

ATTENTION PARISH BOYS AND GIRLS IN GRADES 4 OR OLDER!
If you are interested in learning how to serve Mass, you are asked to contact the rectory @ 508-867-6469 and give us your name, grade, address, and phone number. Fr. Chet will start training sessions soon.

Come celebrate the autumn season with us! The St. John the Baptist Harvest Thyme Crafts Fair awaits you on Sat. Oct. 22nd 9am to 2pm in the parish hall at 121 Blaine Ave., East Brookfield. Bring your families and friends for crafts, great food, baked goods, silent auction, raffles, lottery tree, and attic treasures! Please call 508.867.3738 for table rentals (crafters and vendors) or for more information.

38TH ANNUAL APPLE COUNTRY FAIR
Brookfield Town Common
Saturday, October 8th 10am - 4pm
Pie Bakers– the apple pies are to be delivered to St. Mary Oratory or to Barbara Clancy’s porch, next to the Brookfield Congregational Church, on Friday.

MARY & MARTHA SODALITY SUNDAY MOVIE MATINÉE
Sunday, Oct. 16th at 2pm in Dugan Hall
This month’s movie is God is Not Dead 2.
Come join us for a wonderful movie, refreshments, & fun! It’s free!!

UNDIE SUNDAY/UNDIE MONDAY
October is Underwear Collection Month for the Springfield Rescue Mission. They serve hundreds of men in their Emergency Shelter and Rehabilitation Program each year. They also reach out to homeless and men, women and children with new underwear, socks and t-shirts, used clothing, coats and shoes in our Give Away Center - ALL FREE OF CHARGE! As the weather starts getting colder, donating a new set of underclothing is an easy way to show the love of Christ to someone who has not had a clean pair of undergarments for months. Very often spiritual healing begins with physical needs being met. Undie Sunday/Undie Monday allows you to make a meaningful difference in the life of someone who is going without basic needs. There will be collection boxes in both churches throughout the month.