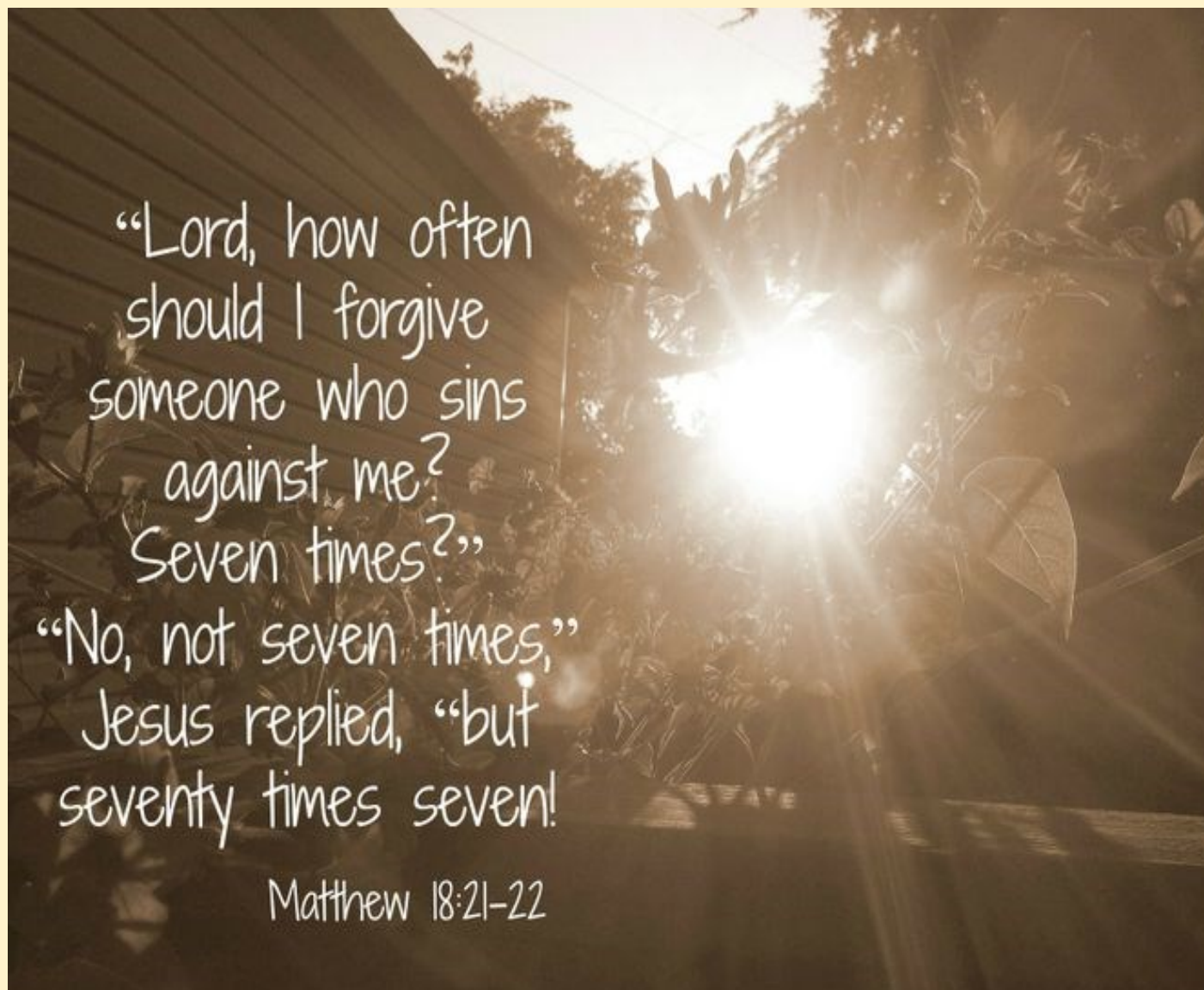


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The Heart of Jesus in North Merrick



“Lord, how often
should I forgive
someone who sins
against me?
Seven times?”

“No, not seven times,”
Jesus replied, “but
seventy times seven!

Matthew 18:21-22

September 17, 2023
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Stephen Brigandi, Pastor
 Rev. Peter Sarpong, Associate Pastor
 Deacon Charles Kammerer
 Deacon John Heverin

Parish Center**516-379-1356****Parish Center Hours:**

Mon.—Fri. 9am—12pm & 1pm -4pm

Parish Outreach**Mrs. Ann Heverin**

Outreach Office: 516-379-6123
 Monday —Thursday 10am-1:00pm
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Miss Carol Tannehill ctannehillshc@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul Society SVDP@sacredheartnm.org

We hope that all new residents will come to the Parish Center to register.

Adult Christian Initiation

If you are interested in exploring the Catholic faith or completing your initiation into the Church please call the Parish Center.

Infant Baptism Preparation If you wish to arrange a baptism at Sacred Heart Church, please contact the Parish Center at 516-379-1356 ext.10. One of our baptism coordinators will be happy to arrange a time to meet with you. Ideally, both Godparents should be practicing Catholics. We will review the procedures for the sacrament and you will be able to fill out all the necessary paperwork. Baptisms are held on the first and third Sunday of each month at 2pm. First time parents need to attend a baptism class. They are held on the last Monday of each month in the Parish Center at 7:30pm. Crying babies welcome! Godparents are encouraged but not required to attend.

Sacrament of Matrimony Please contact the Parish Center at least one year in advance of the intended date of the wedding. A priest or deacon of the parish will interview you, set the wedding date and help you register for the required marriage preparation program. Marriage Preparation is held in the parish three times a year. Please contact Deacon John: DeaconJohn@sacredheartnm.org for dates and times.

Sacrament of Reconciliation A priest is available each Saturday at 4:00PM in the church. Please don't hesitate to call a priest at the Parish Center for an appointment for Confession at another time.

Sacraments for the Homebound If you or a family member are not able to attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments of Communion, Reconciliation and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Center.

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Attendance:	1102
Envelopes:	346
Mail Ins:	\$3,687.00
Collection:	\$12,329.00
Year to Date:	\$34,692.58

**Monday, September 18, 2023**

9AM Kevin Borland

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

9AM Robert Gazsy

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

9AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Thursday, September 21, 2023

9AM Mary Logan

Friday, September 22, 2023

9AM May Brady

Saturday, September 23, 20235PM Ruth E. Lombard
Ramon Garcia**Sunday, September 24, 2023**8AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
10AM Debbie Ryan
12PM Peter Senese
5PM Guido Pacitti*In our thoughts and prayers.**John Ackerman**Taylor Agurto**Johanna Amador**Antonia Backer**Milan Baranek**Carol Byer**Ed Beyer**John Brennan**Dylan Buckley**Beth Campbell**Catherine Cavanagh**Carlos Chacon**Anthony DeLuca**John DeLuca**Evelio Del Campo**Lisa Del Campo**Allie Dazzo**Lucy De Rose**Christopher Duignan**Matthew Dwyer**Richard Dziuba**AJ Eletto**John L. Maria Eletto**Harold Flay**William Fife**Robert Galvin**Veronique Hall**Gloria Hannifin**Bob Hoffman**Victoria LaMaina**Rusty Lark**Sr. Marie Vianney Gallagher**Theresa LaMaina**Dan Macchia**Helen Massoni**John McMullin**Jose Nunez**Digna Ong**Taylor Oshan**Jack Palamaro**Peter Palamaro, Jr.**Eileen Pio**Flo Puff**Ginesia Reale**Tara C. Rebhan**Ann Rhoads**Vincenza Rini**Michael Ryan**Virginia Sandas**Benny Sarnelli**Elizabeth Sheehan Bourke**Randall Sinz**Jacqueline Sinz**Mary Sweeney**Herb Staudter**Clark Sun**Elizabeth Turley**Theresa Vacchio**Nelson Villaflor**Aidan Walden**John Witzendocker**Alyssa Zangari**Rosemarie Ziminski**Robert Ziminski***Prayers for the Sick**

In an effort to make sure parishioners who are ill are properly prayed for we would like to keep our Sick List as up to date as possible. Names will remain for one full month, but will be **removed at the end of every month**, unless there is a request by the family to extend the prayers for the following month.

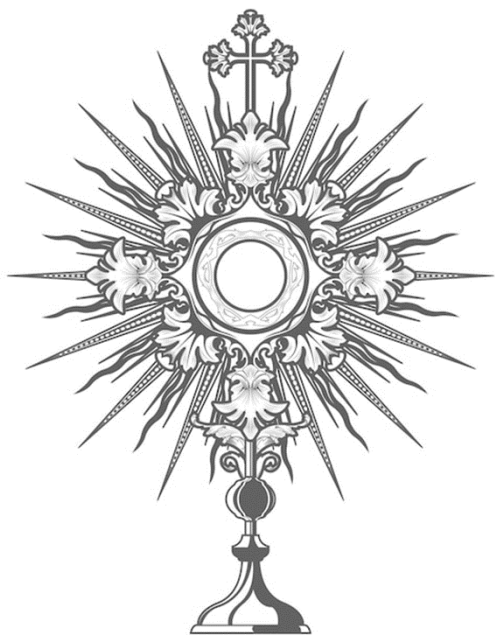


**Ministry of Praise Pope's
Prayer Intention for September
For people living on the margins**

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

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in the church**



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everything.**

**St. Peter Julian Eymard
Priest of the Eucharist**

**The Promises of Our Lord
to Saint Margaret Mary
For Souls Devoted to His Sacred Heart**

I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.

I will give them peace in their families.
I will console them in all their troubles.
I will be their refuge in life and especially in death.

I will abundantly bless all their undertakings.

Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.

Tepid souls shall become fervent.
Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.

I will bless those places wherein the image of My Sacred Heart shall be exposed and venerated.

I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.

Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names eternally written in my Heart.

In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.

PARISHIONERS IN THE ARMED FORCES

**Sacred Heart Parish salutes and
commends to prayer:**

Spc. John McCann, U.S. Army, Italy
Sgt. Richard DeTommaso, U.S. Army, Korea
PFC Kendrick McCann, U.S. Army, Korea
Sgt. First Class Lee Ann Gouveia, U.S. Army
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John Devoti Lt. Col. U.S.M.C.
2nd Lieutenant Jordan Paladino- US Army

Prayer For The Safety of Our Service Men & Women

Almighty and Eternal God, protect these men and women as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety to all who love them. May they ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Sacred Heart Purgatorial Society

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Friday, October 6, 2023



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Sat, Sept 30, 2023 @ Cedar Creek Park, Seaford
Check-In: 8:30AM Walk Start: 10AM

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c/o SVDP Walk for the Poor

720 Merrick Ave, North Merrick NY 11566

Please make checks payable to:

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<https://secure.qgiv.com/event/svdplifopwalk2023/team/930391/>

Thank you in advance for your support!

If you have any questions please call (516) 379-1356 or email us at

SVDP@sacredheartnm.org



Dear Sacred Heart Parishioners,

Thank you for your generosity to Outreach. We received donations that allowed us to purchase meat and frozen vegetables for our neighbors. We are stocking up on soup for the fall, home cooked meals and diapers. This week brought diaper donations and fall clothing for the children. The Knights donated sanitizing wipes for heavy duty cleaning. Thank you to Julie and Fran for the baked ziti and soup.

This week we are looking for fruit bars, granola bars and energy bars. We are also collecting Ensure for some of our older neighbors. Donations of fresh fruit (bananas, apples, oranges) will help to fill backpacks with good nutrition.

In other news we are looking for some good people interested in taking a neighbor to Mass. Some parishioners find it difficult to get to Mass on Sunday. If you can offer a ride once a month, it would be most appreciated. We will be putting up flyers and making phone calls for the blood drive coming in October. If anyone would like to assist, please call Outreach.

During October there will be training to become an Eucharistic Minister to the parish or to the homebound. Please contact Outreach if you are interested. Last but not least the Women's Retreat is fast approaching in October. Please consider giving yourself a treat and spending the day with other women seeking a spiritual boost!

Peace,
Ann

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Andy Marincsak @ 516-623-4561
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Background on the Gospel: Next Sunday, September 24, 2023

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally.

We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.



Over 50 Club

Our first meeting of the new season will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 1:30pm in the school cafeteria.

We will be collecting dues and the final payment for our Woodloch Pines trip in October. The luggage tags will be given out at this meeting as well as the schedule of events and further information concerning the trip.

If you are not able to attend, please call Mary @ 516-378-1335 and the materials and information will be provided to you.

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Sacred Heart Church Christmas Craft Fair
Sunday November 19, 2023
 720 Merrick Ave, North Merrick, NY 11566



8:30AM – 4:00 PM

1. The price for an 8 foot by 4 foot spot is \$75 **(THE FEE IS NONREFUNDABLE)**
2. Early Bird Registration fee will be \$65 before October 15th, 2023
3. This is NOT a flea market. All items to be sold must be **new and unused.**
4. Sacred Heart reserves the right to limit the amount of vendors selling the same type of items.
5. Electricity can be provided for an additional \$10.00
6. Set up begins at 6:30AM and must be completed by 8:30AM
7. This is an indoor craft fair in the school gym, ground floor.

If you are interested in being a vendor, please complete the following registration form and return to:
Sacred Heart Church Attn: Craft Fair
720 Merrick Ave
North Merrick, NY 11566
516-379-1356

Please return all checks/credit card information and applications no later than November 1, 2023

Please make all checks payable to Sacred Heart Church
 (PLEASE PRINT ALL VENDOR INFORMATION)

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

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Items to be sold _____

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Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, Sept. 24th from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



**For Additional Information Please Contact
Sal Sanseverino at 516-781-0991
salandjan@gmail.com**



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October 22nd at St. Joseph's Retreat Center in Brentwood, 9:30am-3:00pm

Please send the form below with your \$25 donation to Parish Outreach if you'd like to attend this retreat.

For additional information please call
Ann Heverin
516-379-6123



Sacred Heart Women's Retreat
St. Joseph's Retreat Center, Brentwood, NY
October 22, 2023

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact

Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone _____

SACRED HEART PARISH MINISTRIES



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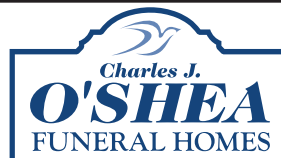
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