



Friends of ST. PEREGRINE

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Dear Friends of St. Peregrine,

Happy, Prayerful and Peaceful New Year, 2019

I have just come back from visiting with our friends at St. Matthew's Parish in Charlotte, North Carolina, this past January 24th -27th. They have been celebrating their 10th Anniversary of the St. Peregrine Ministry in their Parish. I am so happy with the way that they have extended God's healing strength to all parishes in their area through the intercession of St. Peregrine, OSM.

In my ministry, many people write or have approached me to share their stories of grateful hearts for answered prayers.

"Dear Fr. Chris, I thank God every day for his love and mercy. I thank St. Peregrine and Mother Mary every day for their love and prayers to relieve me of my depression. I also thank them for my loving wife, Emilia and loving daughter, Gabriela, who have stayed by me and supported me through all my struggles in spite of my suffering I caused them. My healing from God is a miracle. Gratefully, Charles."

As we hear in the letter to the Philippians 4:6-7, "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,



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will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

I spoke with two gentlemen who were at our St. Peregrine Mass on the third Saturday of the month about their prayer intentions. One man replied, "We are here for my father, Tom, who has cancer and we looked up the Cancer Saint on your website and found this beautiful church. Even though there is a blizzard outside, I needed to come and pray for my Dad." We prayed together that very moment for God's healing strength to support his dad in the miracle of sustaining his life. The prayer brought this man's son God's comfort and care. Sometimes we need to do that praying for one another in the moment. It is easy to say, "I will keep you in my prayers," but it is more powerful to say, "Let us pray right now."

This recalls Jesus' words, "Where two or three are gathered in prayer, I am with them." That is the blessing of community prayer.

We will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the National Shrine of St. Peregrine at Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica Church on May 18, 2019, at the 11am St. Peregrine Feast Day Mass. We will be honoring four special St. Peregrine Ministry sites. Our healing award will be given to St. Matthew's Parish in Charlotte, North Carolina, St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Auburn, New York, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Denver, Colorado and The Servite Grotto in Portland, Oregon.

We will also honor any health professional, such as doctors, nurses and hospital staff. If you know of someone who has cared for you recently as a health profession, please send in their names to us and we will send you our special 25th Anniversary certificate of St. Peregrine's healing award for you

to present to them. Thank you for remembering all of our caregivers.

Please keep in touch in prayer, in God's consolation, healing and send me the good news of your answered prayers. God bless you, your family, friends and caregivers,

Fr. Chris Krymski, O.S.M.

Director of the National Shrine of St. Peregrine

Shrine of St. Peregrine in Martinsville, New Jersey



Pictured above is Danny Longo, his wife Kristin, son Rory, and Bishop James Checchio, the bishop of Metuchen, New Jersey. They are standing at the outdoor shrine to St. Peregrine at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Martinsville, NJ. The Shrine was dedicated to Danny by his parents Sal and Carole Longo. Danny has follicular lymphoma, a blood cancer, but this coming August, he will have been in remission for eleven years. Glory to God! The Shrine at Blessed Sacrament has become a sanctuary for many who are dealing with cancer and other serious illnesses. (Photo courtesy of Sal Longo)

Is there a St. Peregrine Shrine that you know of and would like us to feature? If so, please send us the story and a picture or two. Thanks for spreading the good news of St. Peregrine!

St. Peregrine Ministry Mission Statement

With Mary at the foot of the Cross of her suffering Son, Jesus, We, Servants of Mary, promote and sustain the St. Peregrine ministry of healing and compassion.

Through our ministries of prayer, blessing, pilgrimage, reconciliation and evangelization, we accompany caregivers and those persons who live with serious illness, especially cancer, as they seek to find healing, support, peace and God in their daily lives.

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Glory to God Stories

In August of 2014, David was diagnosed with follicular lymphoma, a blood cancer. It should have been relatively easy to put it into remission. However, after six months of protocol treatment, David relapsed. His cancer was chemo-resistant. At one point, he had over 75% bone marrow involvement. Our one medical hope was to get a stem cell transplant, but in order to do that, we had to have less than 20% involvement. After seven different courses of treatment, we were still not able to get below 20%.



We knew God was with us on this journey, and turned to the St. Peregrine and the fourth Thursday healing service. At the January 2018 service, I felt something powerful. I don't know how to explain it, but I was overcome with a feeling of hope that brought me to tears. I truly believe it was then that God granted us a miracle. Just prior to the January healing service, David had been to Emory for a second opinion. We were to start our eighth round of treatment which was outside the normal protocol. David, his doctor at Levine, and the doctor at Emory designed this course of treatment (of course we know God's hand was involved as well). Upon finishing this round of treatment, David's bone marrow biopsy showed 19% involvement. We received the go ahead to do a high-risk stem cell transplant. My daughter was his donor. She had been tested almost a year

prior and was a 9 out of 10 match. On March 13, 2018, David received the transplant. At this time of writing this note, David's scans and biopsies show no sign of lymphoma. He also shows no sign of rejecting his new immune system donated by my daughter. It is truly a miracle.

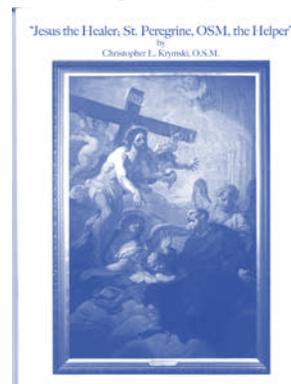
We are so grateful for the blessing of the St. Peregrine healing service. We continue to thank God every day. - Julia T

Prayer

Jesus, the Healer, grant us the grace to accept our illness this day and to remember our identity as Children of God. We are bigger than our health condition. Our strength comes from the Holy Spirit, who blesses us with courage and love. Love to overcome our fears and anxieties; that is God's medicine. May we accept the things that we cannot control. And let God restore and guide us like God did in St. Peregrine's life. Thank you, O God for always giving us life and wisdom in abundance. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

"Jesus the Healer; St. Peregrine, OSM the Helper" by Fr. Chris Krymski, OSM, is available for purchase.

The cost is \$10 a copy and \$3 for shipping and handling. Copies are available from the St. Peregrine Ministry, Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica, 3121 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL. 60612.





Send prayer petitions for yourself, your friends, family and loved ones to our website: www.servite.org.

her cure from colon cancer. Please pray for me for continued remission from lymphoma. Thank you again and again.

Dear St. Peregrine, Thank you for all God's gifts to heal me and for all the sick. Please stay with me and all others. Thank you , Amen.

Pilgrimage to Germany in 2020 for the Passion Play

Save the date and join us as we travel to Oberammergau, Germany, to see the Bavarian town's famous Passion Play in 2020. On this pilgrimage, we will witness Christ's story and share our own stories of faith, hope, and love with each other. We will be escorted by Mater Dei travel agency guides who have coordinated many of our pilgrimage trips to the Holy Land, Rome, Mexico, and many other spiritual places. For more information please contact Dennis Gaetano at (800) 515-2632.



At the National Shrine of St. Peregrine (Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica in Chicago), a healing Mass and blessing with the relic of St. Peregrine is celebrated at 11:00am on the third Saturday of the month. There is a healing Mass and blessing in Spanish on the second Saturday of each month, also at 11:00am.

Thank you, St. Peregrine -notes received at the National Shrine of St. Peregrine

St. Peregrine, Thank you so much for the healing of cancer in my dear friend, Sister Flora, for the healing of my eye condition, and employment for my brother, Joseph. Thank you so much.

Thank you for my prayer petition for my children, for my family to be rich in health, spirituality, emotional and mental well-being. Thank you.

In thanksgiving for all graces received. For the repose of the soul of Diann, and those in our family. For my children, the grace of conversion, to discern their vocations, for their future spouses, for their health and healing. For our country and all those serving our country in the Armed Forces and their families. For this, I pray with gratefulness.

Thank you O God for listening to my prayer petitions for physical health. I pray for Lizette, for

Your donation will help us to continue the good works of our Ministry Office in publishing and distributing this newsletter free of charge to parishes, hospitals and prayer centers across the country. Please help us spread the good word that others are praying for those with serious illness. Thank you and God bless!