



Friends of ST. PEREGRINE

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Dear Friends of St. Peregrine,

The Lord's "2017" blessing upon all of you for healing strength and the warmth of God's love during this winter season.

I have been going across the country celebrating Masses and Parish Missions with the focus on healing mercy and St. Peregrine's intercession. Recently, I went to Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Hornell, New York just west of Rochester, New York. I was greeted warmly by Fr. Peter the pastor of two churches, St. Ann and St. Mary. We held a Parish Mission in Advent just two weeks before Christmas. God's healing happened in many ways as over 150 people came nightly to receive the prayers and blessings.

Here are the words of a parishioner, who gave me her feedback: "My friend said that after listening to you, he really felt some of the message directed right to him. He said that you were so right when you said you see a doctor when you are hurt or sick and need to seek help when your spirit is broken as well. I am so thankful that my friend came with me to hear you and I know that he got a lot out of your mission. Thank you Father for opening my eyes to be a better person and try to do more like Jesus would do." Praise God for that healing.

I have been to St. Matthew's Parish in Charlotte, North Carolina at the end of January, 2017, as they celebrated a Parish Mission in honor of St. Peregrine on their 8th anniversary of their healing ministry. I shared with them stories of healing concerning conversion and baptism, mercy and forgiveness and how the Most Holy Eucharist is the healing center of our lives. Thank you Jesus for being the source of all of our lives.

Blessings on Fr. Brian Dulli at St. Walter's Parish in Janesville, Wisconsin. Fr. Brian happened to come to the National Shrine of St. Peregrine one day during Advent. The Holy Spirit told me to go and invite Fr. Brian to join the St. Peregrine, healing team for his parish. He accepted this invitation and ministry.

As Fr. Brian said, "You were very kind in receiving me. It is my intention to carry the St. Peregrine healing ministry to my parish here in Janesville. I will do it as long as God wills for me to live and pastor in this city... I will keep you up to date on the progress of my ministry."

May we pray that more parishes will be open to the healing ministry of our St. Peregrine Team.

Peace and Prayers,

Fr. Chris Krymski, OSM, and Staff of the National Shrine 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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Prayer to St. Peregrine

We praise you, O God for the beauty of your healing creation... the sunshine during these cold winter months. Thank you for your Son, Jesus shining in our hearts to heal us with grace and mercy.

In whatever way that you want, O God help us to be more attentive to all the small miracles of life. You are a God of surprises and of peacemaking. You worked those virtues in St. Peregrine's life and you share them with us, even today.

May we pray for all of our caregivers, family, friends and for those scientists who are discovering new treatments and remedies for many cancer survivors and others who have serious illnesses. Thank you God for hearing my special, prayer intention at this time (Name your personal prayer intention at this time _____.)

We ask this through Jesus, Mother Mary and St. Peregrine...Amen.



name and I have not seen him since that evening and I don't know exactly how Joey was healed but I believe he was. I have carried this powerful lesson of faith with me. I pray for Joey often and I continue to ask others to pray with me that Joey's hearing is restored but more importantly that he continues to hear what God wants to tell him.



Joey and St. Peregrine

Sometimes I can feel Jesus smiling. Last year's St. Peregrine healing service was one of those times. Our parish, St. Matthew Catholic Church, is huge. We have 35,000 registered members. Our St. Peregrine healing service is always special, and this one was even more so because Fr. Chris Krymski from the National Shrine of St. Peregrine in Chicago had traveled to Charlotte, NC, to pray with us.

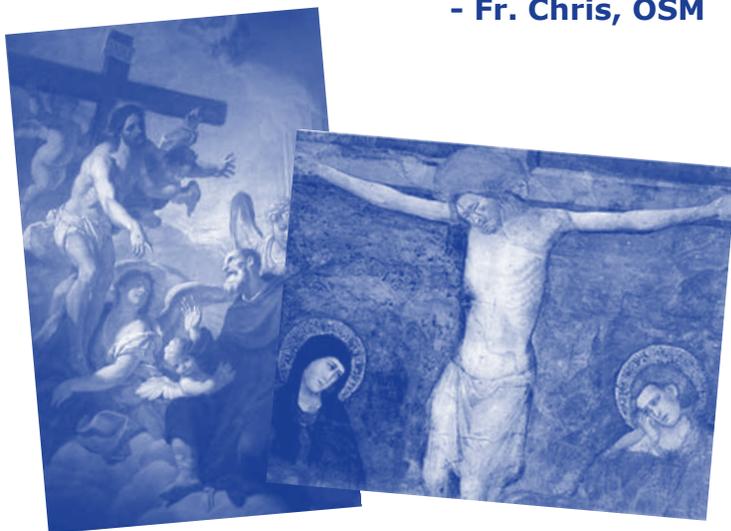
I happened to sit next to a young man, in his early teens, who was with his family. As they settled into the pew I noticed that the young man had a white cane. I smiled at his mother and nodded like I knew why that family was there. I whispered to the mother, "How long has your son had been blind?" She said, "Oh, Joey has been blind from birth, but that's not why we are here." She went on: "In fact he doesn't mind being blind, most of his friends are blind, but he does mind that in the last months he has been losing his hearing. He hates that he can't hear his friends." Blind and deaf! In my shock I said, "That's awful, doesn't the medical community have any help for him? Surely they can do something!" Then I remembered that I was sitting at a healing service. However, it was her response that blew my mind. "Well yes," she said, "he has the best hearing aids that the doctors could provide, but he wouldn't wear them tonight because when he gets healed he wants to hear right away that his miracle has taken place." Not if he gets healed but when! I don't know Joey's last

Travelling Image of St. Peregrine

Like the travelling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, I would like to send you two travelling images of St. Peregrine's life that have been blessed here at the National Shrine of St. Peregrine in Chicago, IL. I want you to host the blessed images in a special place in your home for a week. It would be great to call together a gathering of persons who want to pray for others who have cancer and serious illness of mind, body, spirit and soul. You may pray the rosary together and the official prayers from the National Shrine. Let us know how the home prayers were conducted by photos or testimonies.

If you would like to receive the travelling images and official prayers, please write to me here at the National Shrine of St. Peregrine to begin our spiritual journey of healing and peacemaking across the country. Thank you.

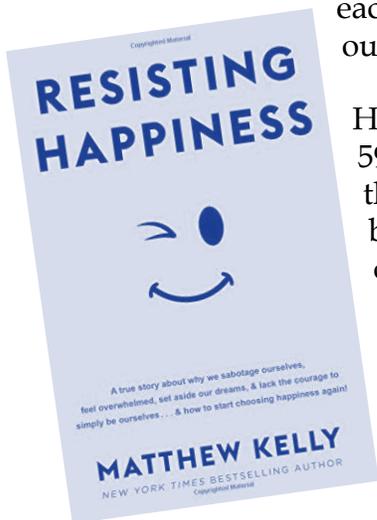
- Fr. Chris, OSM



Book Review: "Resisting Happiness" by Matthew Kelly

Matthew Kelly's book "Resisting Happiness" is a very insightful book on our human nature. Kelly tells his personal story on how procrastination in being our true selves is a sabotage behavior that brings its own illness. The remedy is in improving our happiness in God. For all who are overwhelmed by their illness, this book is a blessing and a gift from you to you. It is published by DynamicCatholic.com, 2016.

Kelly talks about how life is prone to worry, to stress and anxiety as we wait for test results and treatments to give us the cure today. Many times we are sluggish in our positive attitudes because the nourishment needed for a productive spiritual life with Jesus is very low at times. When our spiritual batteries are very low and getting lower, we give into resistance about being hopeful or happy. We become more irritable, crabby, and cross with each other, especially with our caregivers.



Here is a quote from page 59: "the Key Point... Some things you do help you become the person God created you to be, and some things don't.

Action Step: in each moment of each day choose the very-best-version-of-yourself. Ask yourself, is what I am

about to do going to help me become the best-version-of-myself?"

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!

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

St. Peregrine, thank you for interceding on my behalf. Please continue to bless me and my loved ones with good health of mind, body and spirit.

Thank you God for giving us St. Peregrine. Thank you for his ministry in praying for all of us, here at the Shrine. Thank you God. Amen.

Thank you St. Peregrine for the healing upon me and making me healthy as I face the challenges of each day. Amen.

Thank you Jesus for healing those with cancer.

Thank you St. Peregrine that through your intercession you have healed Alberto of his cancer. We will continue to pray to you for him and all others with cancer.

Thank you God for the good prayers for Matt---miracles can happen---doing so well from prayers, medicine and love.

Thank you God for all the blessings you give to us. Help us to be more aware of you in the little things of life and the many people we care for.



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.