

Saint Peregrine

Peregrine was born in Forli, Italy, around 1265. At that time, Forli was governed by the Pope as part of the Papal States, and Peregrine grew up in a family that was actively involved in the opposition, or anti-papal party. Because of anti-papal activity, the city was under the church penalty of interdict, meaning that Mass and the Sacraments could not be celebrated there.

St. Philip Benizi, Prior General of the Servants of Mary, went to Forli to preach reconciliation. Young Peregrine, very intense in his political fervor, not only heckled Philip during his preaching, but, in fact, struck him. Philip, instead of responding with anger and violence to the attack, turned and forgave Peregrine.

This encounter with Philip is said to have dramatically changed Peregrine. He began channeling his energy into good works and eventually joined the Servants of Mary in Siena, Italy. He returned to Forli, where he spent the rest of his life, dedicating himself to the sick, the poor, and those on the fringes of society. He also imposed on himself the penance of standing whenever it was not necessary to sit. This led to varicose veins, which later deteriorated into an open sore on his leg, and was eventually diagnosed as cancer.

Peregrine's leg wound became so serious that the local surgeon decided to amputate the leg. The night before the surgery, Peregrine prayed before the image of the crucified Christ, and when he awoke, the wound was healed and his leg saved. He lived another 20 years, dying on May 1, 1345, and the age of about 80. Peregrine was canonized on December 27, 1726, and has been named the Patron Saint of those suffering from cancer.



This prayer to Saint Peregrine is specifically for a person suffering from Cancer.

St. Peregrine, whom Holy Mother Church has declared Patron of those suffering from Cancer, I confidently turn to you for help in my present sickness. I beg your kind intercession. Ask God to relieve me of this sickness, if it be his Holy Will. Plead with the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Sorrows, whom you loved so tenderly and in union with whom you have suffered the pains of Cancer, that she may help me with her powerful prayers and loving consolation. But if it should be God's Holy Will that I bear this sickness, obtain for me courage and strength to accept these trials from the loving hand of God with patience and resignation, because he knows what is best for the salvation of my soul. St. Peregrine, be my friend and patron. Help me to imitate you in accepting suffering, and to unite myself with Jesus Crucified and the Mother of Sorrows, as you did. I offer my pains to God with all the love of my heart, for his glory and the salvation of souls, especially my own. Amen

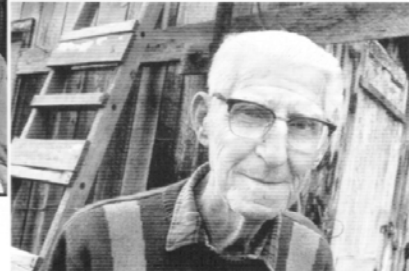
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Last year 5,612 families and individuals came to Catholic Charities of Altoona-Johnstown for emergency heating, shelter, rent, personal care items, medications, doctor visits and funerals. While the average request came to a seemingly modest \$246, Catholic Charities had enough funds to assist only 20%, or one of every five households who sought assistance.

Your gift next weekend to the Catholic Charities second collection can help close this gap and make a world of difference this winter. Families and individuals in your community will directly benefit from 100% of contributions given through this collection. Thank you for helping us reduce poverty in West Central Pennsylvania.

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How To Give

With the **Envelope** provided by your parish.

Online at www.dioceseaj.org (Click on the red "Donate" button).

Mail to Catholic Charities, 1300 Twelfth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.

To make a gift of stock or to remember Catholic Charities through a bequest, please contact the diocesan development office at (814) 695-5577.

Mon. 11/18 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer**
Feast The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles
8:00 AM Mass David C. Riley, Nancy Sinisi

Tues. 11/19 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases**
Feast Weekday
8:00 AM Mass Poor Souls in Purgatory, C. Smith

Wed. 11/20 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis**
Feast Weekday
8:00 AM Mass Vicky Nelson, Return to good health, OLOF Cantors

Thur. 11/21 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders**
Feast The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 AM Mass Successful Surgery & Recovery

Fri. 11/22 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders**
Feast Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
8:00 AM Mass All OLOF Cantors, Richard Kuiawa

Sat. 11/23 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes**
Feast Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
4:30 PM Mass Helen Witt, M/M Charles Hennigan

Sun. 11/24 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions**
Feast Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
9:00 AM Mass Steve and Patty Flanagan, 40th Ann, Children & Grandchildren
11:00 AM Mass Our Lady of Fatima Parish Family

*Lord
Jesus
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Sinner*

Happy Birthday:

11/18 Killian Keagy
Zack Noonan

11/19 Liam Jones

11/22 Ceil Hennigan

11/23 Jordan Summers

11/25 John Eckenrode

Wedding Anniversaries

11/24 Steve and Patty Flanagan

11/25 Bryan and Eileen Starr

Practice for the Christmas Vigil Choir will be on Tuesdays
from 6.00 to 7:00 P.M. The Choir will be made up of volunteers
from ages 9 to 95.

PLEASE NOTE: There is no practice Tuesday, November 26th.

Our Lady of Fatima Pleaded That we pray the Holy Rosary Daily

At O.L.F. before each Mass and privately from 8:30am to 7:00pm

MONEY MATTERS

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 10, 2013)

205 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 2,197.00 of which \$ 153.00 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

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| # Envelopes In Circulation | 196 | # Used | 89 | # Unused | 107 |
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Collection One Year Ago = \$ 2,197.50