



The Friends of St. Jude

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The Shrine of St. Jude is a ministry of hope that fosters devotion to St. Jude Thaddeus, "Patron of Difficult Cases," thereby bringing devotees to a deeper faith and closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

St. Peregrine Novena, June 2017

Calendar of Events, 2017/2018:

St. Jude Novena (preached)
October 20 – 28

St. Jude Pilgrimage
October 28

Christmas Novena (not preached)
December 25 – January 2, 2018

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena
(preached)
February 3 – 11, 2018

Easter Novena (not preached)
April 1 - 9

Mother's Day Novena ((not preached)
May 5 - 13

St. Peregrine Novena preached)
June 1 – 9

Father's Day Novena (not preached)
June 9 - 17

Dear Friends of St. Jude,



The radiance of the Easter season has a way of lighting up time itself, enabling us to see clearly the days and weeks ahead and prepare our hearts for what they will bring. In that spirit we anticipate our annual encounter with St. Peregrine, patron saint against cancer.

The St. Peregrine Novena (June 1 – 9) is a highlight of our calendar. St. Jude devotees come together to pray for themselves or for loved ones suffering from cancer and other diseases, invoking thereby the powerful intercession of two of our greatest friends in heaven, St. Peregrine and St. Jude.

The ongoing achievements in the fight against cancer, though incremental and isolated in nature (where certain *types* of the disease are remitted or neutralized) are cause for rejoicing. Still, the persistence of cancer in our time, despite the efforts to defeat it of dedicated healthcare professionals and institutions around the world, can sometimes discourage us. The St. Peregrine Novena allows us to shed discouragement, as we support with focused prayer the work of these healthcare profess-

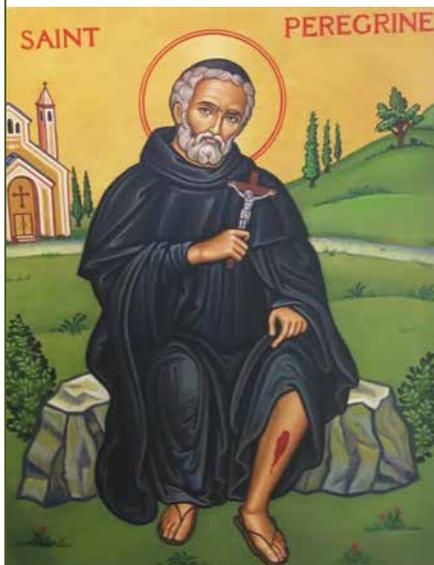
ionals and scientists, deepen our trust in God's providence, and are strengthened once more for whatever the future might bring.

"...That I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them...." These words from Isaiah (chapter 50, verse 4) well describe our Novena preacher, Fr. William Garrott, O.P., to whom I extend a very warm welcome. Please join us in praying for him as he brings his wisdom and insight to our nine days of grace. You can find out a little more about Fr. Bill on the next page of this newsletter.

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Elsewhere he reminds us that illness, especially serious illness such as cancer, can be an occasion for spiritual growth; it can pull us out of ourselves, opening up a space within our hearts for God to fill and heal us as he lovingly disposes – a thought echoed by his colleague Fr. Peter J. Cameron, O.P., in the publication *Magnificat*: "The risen Jesus calls us by name to give us the joy of consolation in our suffering so that we can welcome the love of the Father."

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In his address for this year's World Day of the Sick, Pope Francis further broadened that message. He urged all those who are sick and those who help them to look to Mary, "Health of the Infirm, the sure sign of God's love," and to her son Jesus in whom God's solicitude for the world of suffering and sickness is revealed. This manifestation comes, the Holy Father said, "above all when life is frail, pain-filled, marginalized, and fills it with the power of hope that can sustain us and enable us to get up again."

Armored by that hope, then, let us enter our St. Peregrine Novena days with our hearts open to the possibility of renewal, and confident in God's love for us and our loved ones who are ill. Send us their names for the altar that we may present them to the intercession of our holy friends in heaven, St. Peregrine, St. Jude and the Blessed Mother.

In Christ's Peace,

Fr. James Junípero Moore, O.P.

Very Rev James Junípero Moore, O.P.
Director

**You can now submit your petitions
online for the St. Peregrine Novena.
Log on to our web site**

www.stjude-shrine.org

**and click on the link for the online
submission slips.**

**Questions?
Call us at 415-931-5919**

Fr. William P. Garrott, O.P. Novena Preacher



Fr. "Bill" Garrott, O.P. was ordained to the priesthood in 1994 for the Dominicans (Order of Preachers). He is a member of the Province of St. Joseph based in New York City. He has a master's degree in spiritual theology from the Angelicum, the Dominican university in Rome. He has served in both parish and campus ministries, as director of vocations for 8 years, and has preached over 100 parish missions, retreats and novenas throughout the United States and Canada.

Fr. Bill's interests focus primarily on music and evangelization. For many years, he wrote music as well as sang and played the organ. He used his music as an instrument of evangelization as well - in his preaching and teaching. As vocations director for the Eastern Dominican Province, Fr. Garrott presided over one of the largest increases of vocations in US Dominican history. During his tenure, vocations returned to their 1960's level in the Eastern Dominican Province.

St. Jude Novena Mass Times:
Mon – Sat: 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Sun: 11:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Rosary said before all Masses

Novena Prayer to St. Peregrine

O great St. Peregrine, you have been called "the Wonder Worker" because of the numerous miracles which you have obtained from God for those who have had recourse to you. For so many years you bore in your own flesh the debilitating disease of cancer. I seek God's healing. Help me imitate your enduring faith in the face of my great challenge, that I may trust the Lord as you did in your time of affliction. Help me to find the strength to proclaim God's presence in my life despite the anguish and fear this disease causes in me and my loved ones. (Here recall the names of the sick for whom you are praying.)

O glorious St. Peregrine, aided in this way by your powerful intercession, I will sing to God, now and for all eternity, a song of gratitude for His great goodness and mercy. Amen.



Angels guard the relic of St. Jude Thaddeus used to bless attendees at the Novena Masses – and at daily Mass during the year.