



**THE RELICS OF SAINT PIO  
OF PIETRELCINA TO VISIT THE  
HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
2210 CALLAWAY ST. HILLCREST HEIGHTS, MD**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023 - FROM 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M.**

MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT PIO AT **7:30 P.M.**, CELEBRATED BY **THE MOST REVEREND JUAN ESPOSITO**, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF THE MASS, **LUCIANO LAMONARCA**, THE FOUNDER OF THE **SAINT PIO FOUNDATION**, WILL SPEAK ABOUT SAINT PIO AND THE FOUNDATION'S INSPIRING WORK.

A LIMITED-EDITION REPLICA OF THE STATUE "I EMBRACE YOU" WITH AN ENCASED RELIC OF SAINT PIO WILL BE PRESENTED AND BLESSED BY BISHOP JUAN ESPOSITO BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF THE MASS.

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*The Relics of Padre Pio*



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*"My past, O Lord, to Your mercy; my present, to Your love; my future to Your providence."*

*Padre Pio di Pietrelcina*



**A Wonderful Connection  
to Holy Family**

**William Carrigan**



In the summer of 1944, William Carrigan, a young real-estate developer who at the time was serving with the Red Cross in Italy, survived the Battle of Anzio and resolved to visit Padre Pio. The saint asked him if there was something he could give to the Church. Carrigan mentioned that he owned some beautiful property in rural Maryland, just outside of Washington, on a hilltop overlooking the city. He had thought before of how wonderful it would be if this property could be a place where people could come together to adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament -- like that Biblical image of the shining city on a hill. Padre Pio told Carrigan that this was indeed what he should do. He then gave him a Miraculous Medal of Mary, and told him to bury it on the property, and to ask the Blessed Mother for her prayers -- and he told Carrigan that he would pray for this intention too.

After the war ended, Carrigan returned home and buried the miraculous medal he had received from Padre Pio on the hilltop property. And he prayed. In 1948, Archbishop O'Boyle visited the hilltop to survey the area. There Carrigan told the Archbishop of his dream. Archbishop O'Boyle was moved by his request, accepted the gift, and soon after designated the property for the building of a new parish church. In 1952, the Archbishop directed Fr. Joseph Gedra, our first pastor, to establish the parish of Holy Family.

In conjunction with this wonderful history, of which Padre Pio plays an essential part, Holy Family is delighted to accept the generous donation of the "I Embrace You" statue with its embedded 1<sup>st</sup> Class relic by the Pade Pio Foundation.

The relics will be available for public veneration at the Holy Family Catholic Church, located at 2210 Callaway St. Hillcrest Heights, MD 20748, on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 6. P.m., with a Mass in honor of Padre Pio at 7:30 p.m.

The first and second-class relics of Saint Pio available for public veneration include:

- The crusts of his wounds
- Cotton gauze bearing his blood stains
- A lock of his hair
- His handkerchief soaked with his sweat only hours before he died
- A piece of Padre Pio's mantle



### Prayer of Padre Pio After Communion

**Stay with me, Lord,** for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You. You know how easily I abandon You.

**Stay with me, Lord,** because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often.

**Stay with me, Lord,** for You are my life, and without You, I am without fervor. Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light, and without You, I am in darkness. Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will.

**Stay with me, Lord,** so that I hear Your voice and follow You.

**Stay with me, Lord,** for I desire to love You very much, and always be in Your company.

**Stay with me, Lord,** if You wish me to be faithful to You.

**Stay with me, Lord,** for as poor as my soul is, I want it to be a place of consolation for You, a nest of love.

**Stay with me, Jesus,** for it is getting late and the day is coming to a close, and life passes; death, judgment, eternity approaches. It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way and for that, I need You. It is getting late and death approaches, I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows. O how I need You, my Jesus, in this night of exile!

**Stay with me** tonight, Jesus, in life with all its dangers. I need You.

**Let me recognize You** as Your disciples did at the breaking of the bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the Light which disperses the darkness, the force which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.

**Stay with me, Lord,** because at the hour of my death, I want to remain united to You, if not by communion, at least by grace and love.

**Stay with me, Jesus,** I do not ask for divine consolation, because I do not merit it, but the gift of Your Presence, oh yes, I ask this of You!

**Stay with me, Lord,** for it is You alone I look for, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit because I love You and ask no other reward but to love You more & more.

**With a firm love,** I will love You with all my heart while on earth and continue to love You perfectly during all eternity. **AMEN.**

## Padre Pio Veneration Schedule

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Holy Family Parish

2200 Callaway Street

Hillcrest, MD 20748

**9:00 – Holy Rosary – Joyful Mysteries**

**10:00 – Holy Rosary – Sorrowful Mysteries**

**11:00 – Holy Rosary – Glorious Mysteries**

**12:00 – The Angelus**

**1:00 – The Holy Rosary – Luminous Mysteries**

**2:00 – The Holy Rosary – Joyful Mysteries**

**3:00 – Divine Mercy**

**4:00 – The Holy Rosary – Sorrowful Mysteries**

**5:00 – The Holy Rosary – Glorious Mysteries**

**6:00 – Adoration and Confession**

**7:30 – Mass with Bishop Juan Esposito**

### How many types of relics are there in the Catholic Church?

**3 Classes:**

**1st Class Relic-** part of the body of the saint

**2nd Class Relic** - something that the saint personally owned and used in his or her life

**3rd Class Relic** - an item that has been brought into contact with a first or second class relic

### What relics will be available for public veneration?

1. Saint Pio's Crust of the Wounds
2. A piece of Saint Pio's Mantle
3. A Gauze with Saint Pio's Blood Stains
4. Saint Pio's Handkerchief
5. A Lock of Saint Pio's Hair