



From Your Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...

You might recognize a few faces from this picture of a recent gathering of our "Upper Room Club." The Upper Room is of course where Jesus celebrated the Last Supper on Holy Thursday.

The first Thursday of each month, a group of regulars from the police Mass meet for dinner, drinks and conversation at a restaurant on the northwest side, thanks to the generosity of Rudy Malnati (as in Malnati's Restaurants). If you'd like to join us to share Scripture, prayer, Tradition and faith, please let me know. In the meantime, please support Malnati's properties and thank them for their kindness to the police!

As always, we will celebrate a special Fathers' Day Mass at Gold Star Memorial and Park at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, 15 JUN. Being an outdoor venue, if the weather looks questionable, please call (773) 550-2369 that morning to make sure the Mass is on. You are welcome to bring folding chairs or a blanket...and even a picnic lunch for after Mass.

We recently mailed a letter to all of our regular Police Chaplains Ministry supporters, asking for financial assistance for our 19TH annual summer Gold Star Families outing. This month we are again taking the Gold Star Families on a lakefront cruise aboard the *Spirit of Chicago*. It's a first-class event, as we (yes, with *your* help – WE) take care of everything: VIP parking, food, entertainment, pictures, etc. Our cruise ship is even escorted by CPD Marine Units with blue lights flashing. The most important component of our wonderful day together is this: we once again remind Gold Star Families that the loved ones they lost in the line of duty are NEVER FORGOTTEN! See some pictures from last year's event on our website's "Photo Album" page.

If you would like to help make this outing a success with your tax-deductible contribution, please visit our website or send a check to Police Chaplains Ministry, 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60607. (Via CPD mail, you can reach us at Unit 118.)

If you did not receive a mailing but would like to be added to our mailing list, please call me at the number below or click on "Join our mailing list" on the website.

The inaugural Joe Walski Golf Outing, scheduled for Saturday, 07 JUN at Carriage Greens in Darien is SOLD OUT. However, sponsorship opportunities and tickets for dinner only ARE STILL AVAILABLE. Proceeds from the outing benefit Police Chaplains Ministry. For more information, please see the link on our website's home page. May Joe Walski, a proud CPD member who passed away a few months ago, rest in peace!

Finally, on Tuesday, 01 JUL, O'Brien's Restaurant (at North and Wells in Old Town) is generously hosting a fundraiser Happy Hour for the Police Chaplains Ministry. \$50 gets you unlimited food and drink from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. that evening. Get your tickets by emailing me (below). Come on out...I guarantee you'll be in good company!!!

God bless you in your most noble, God-ordained work,

Fr. Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain

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