

From Your Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...

Last month, I had the honor of addressing 450 guests at a gala in New York City, hosted by "**Blue Lives Matter NYC.**" Here, Chicago PO Rick Caballero and I pose for a picture at that event in Staten Island. You may recognize Rick as the founder of our own **Brotherhood for the Fallen.** A fun evening was had by all at this very classy affair. Video from the evening is available on our website's "Video Library" page.



The 87th annual **St. Jude March** earlier this month offered another great opportunity to honor those (and families of those) who have made the ultimate sacrifice. While the St. Jude League and Police Chaplains Ministry are entirely different entities, we work well together. God bless the St. Jude League for their great ministry...and God bless our fallen officers and their families!

You can support the St. Jude League by purchasing a **St. Jude sticker** from your district/unit St. Jude League representative. A donation of \$7.00 per sticker is requested. Buy some for your friends' and family members' cars! Funds raised benefit a host of worthy charities, and make possible the ministry of St. Jude Chaplains who lead prayer services at CPD family wakes/funerals. For more information about obtaining a sticker, or if you don't know who your rep is, please contact me.

Thank you to the many who are representing CPD this month at memorials in Springfield and Washington DC. What a wonderful opportunity we had to remind families of our fallen, especially the **Bauer, Jimenez, Marmolejo and Gary Families**, that their loved ones are NEVER FORGOTTEN!

It is fitting that later this month, Police Chaplains Ministry will host our beloved **Gold Star Families** on our 24th annual luncheon cruise aboard the Spirit of Chicago. If you would like to help underwrite the cost of this outing and help us keep bringing these families together, feel free to donate via our website or by mailing a check to Police Chaplains Ministry, 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60607.



Also during the month of May, Christians around the world remember our Blessed Mother, Mary, the woman who bore Jesus Christ in her womb. How fitting that we should honor (not "Deify" or "worship") this young heroine. **If you would like a**

police-blue Rosary free of charge, please email Chaplain Bob Montelongo using our website's "Meet the Chaplains" page, and he'll be happy to send you one.

Retired PO Diane Martino makes Rosaries by hand, and gives them away for a donation to our ministry. If you'd like a hand-made Rosary, please email her at dianemartino@comcast.net.

On 31 MAY, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a procession led by radio personality **Kevin Matthews**, leading a broken statue of the Blessed Mother from St. John Cantius Parish (825 N. Carpenter) to Water Tower Place. For more information, please visit www.OurLadyOfTheBroken.org.

As always, we will celebrate a special **Fathers' Day Mass** at Gold Star Memorial and Park at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, 16 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.

The Chaplains Section is hosting a **marriage workshop** for active and retired CPD members, aimed at strengthening police marriages. It'll be held in Palos Heights from 9am - 3pm on Friday, 21 JUN. For more information and to register, please contact Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis at 312-771-6638 or Kimberly.LewisDavis@ChicagoPolice.org.



Save the date! The **third annual "Tee Off For Tony" golf outing** is scheduled for Saturday, 24 AUG, with a 1:30 shotgun start at Indian Boundary Golf Course on the northwest side. The outing honors CPD Officer Tony Letizia, who lost his life a few years ago to brain cancer at the age of 32. Proceeds benefit the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation. More information will be available in the coming months and on the police chaplains' website: www.ChicagoPCM.org.

May God bless you and keep you safe!

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