



From Your Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...

As you know, the 88th annual **St. Jude March** *should* have taken place last month. Like thousands of others, I truly missed this tradition---a wonderful opportunity to honor our fallen.

While the St. Jude League and Police Chaplains Ministry are entirely different entities, we work well together. May God sustain the St. Jude League in their ministry...and God bless our fallen officers and their families!

Due to current circumstances, Police Chaplains Ministry was *also* forced to cancel our annual Gold Star Families luncheon cruise aboard the *Spirit of Chicago* at Navy Pier. We'll make up for it somehow when normalcy returns....proving we NEVER FORGET!

Sadly, we must also forgo one of our favorite traditions...the Father's Day Mass at Gold Star Families Memorial and Park. In lieu of this Mass, please remember in your prayers all our father figures.

While we have been unable to gather in person to honor our almost 600 deceased CPD heroes, I encourage you to join me in prayer and remembrance: ***Eternal rest grant unto them, oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.***



Now for some good news: despite current circumstances, every Friday at 1:00 p.m. the Chaplains Section continues to facilitate a Bible study/prayer/faith-sharing group at the police academy. No matter one's faith tradition, all are welcome to these brief Christian-based gatherings. As with our other gatherings, we practice social distancing.

A similar, though more intimate in size, non-denominational Christian prayer opportunity is offered every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Public Safety Headquarters.

And Muslim (Jumma) prayers are offered every Friday at 1:00 p.m. in room 202 of the academy.

If you'd like more information about these gatherings, please email Joseph.Jackson@ChicagoPolice.org, Kimberly.LewisDavis@ChicagoPolice.org, or Hysni.Selenica@ChicagoPolice.org.



Chaplain Joe Jackson is also organizing a regular BIKING WITH THE CHAPLAINS trip to different locations throughout the city and surrounding area. Let's explore God's beautiful creation while getting some fresh air and enjoying each other's company. For scheduling information, or if you have a suggested bike path, please email

Joseph.Jackson@ChicagoPolice.org.

Finally...on 17 JUL 1970, Sgt. James L. Severin and Officer Anthony N. Rizzato were killed by sniper fire outside Cabrini Green. As of now, a 50th anniversary memorial tribute will be held at the 018th District to honor these two heroes on Saturday, 18 JUL, 11:00 a.m. Assuming our right to gather is restored by then, I hope to see you there.

In the meantime, may God bless you and keep you safe!

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