

From Your Directing Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...

Thank you to the folks at St. John Fisher Parish for hosting a Blue Mass on 19 FEB. The Mass coincided with a Chicago Police Memorial Foundation "Get Behind The Vest" fundraiser pancake breakfast co-hosted by Alderman Matt O'Shea. A huge crowd came out to support an outstanding cause.



Here you'll see a picture taken after the Mass. Fr. Bill McFarlane (CFD Chaplain) and I are flanked by members of the CPD Mounted Unit.

If you happen to be reading this column prior to 19 MAR, please join us that day at 9:00 a.m. at St. Helen Parish (2301 W. Augusta Boulevard), for a Blue Mass where we'll pray with and for our first responders.

Yet another Blue Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 30 APR, at Immaculate Conception Parish (just off the Kennedy at Talcott and Harlem...in Norwood Park). As always, all are welcome!



During the Lenten season, many people try to pray more intentionally. So, just a reminder: 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 your faith tradition, ALL are welcome to share and hear words of encouragement at these brief Christian-based gatherings.

A similar (though more intimate in size) non-denominational Christian prayer opportunity is offered every Wednesday at 12:30 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.



To confirm times, or if you'd like more information, please email Joseph.Jackson@ChicagoPolice.org, Kimberly.LewisDavis@ChicagoPolice.org, or Hysni.Selenica@ChicagoPolice.org.

In addition to our regular 2nd and 4th Sunday Masses at Mercy Home (11:00 a.m. at 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard), we'll gather for Mass on Easter morning (09 APR) at 10:00...note the difference in time for the holiday. So that social distancing can be observed, we gather in the indoor soccer field rather than the chapel. More information can be found on the "Police Masses" link at www.ChicagoPCM.org

Also on Easter morning, I'll be celebrating a sunrise Mass at 6:15 a.m. in the grand ballroom at McCormick Place. If you happen to want some early "Churchin' up" on Easter morning, you are most welcome to join us there.



The weekend before Valentine's Day, Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis and EAP Clinician Lisa Martirena co-facilitated a police marriage retreat at a resort in

Wheeling. All couples in attendance had a wonderful time learning eight habits for a successful marriage.

Keep up with all of the above and LOTS more on our website (www.ChicagoPCM.org).

May God bless you and keep you safe and healthy! Thank you for doing God's work.

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