

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



I was SOOOO honored to spend an evening with PO's Josh Blas and Carlos Yanez at the Emerald Society's Thanksgiving dinner last month. After what they went through, and considering our incredible loss (Ella, rest in peace!) on 07 AUG, it's good to see Josh and Carlos smiling. Thank you to the Emerald Society for a wonderful evening. Nobody left the event hungry!!

Last month we teamed up with FOP to send high-quality care packages to CPD members who are serving abroad in the military reserves. Let us keep in prayer our brothers and sisters who still serve, just in a different uniform. In a special way we remember them (and their families who miss them) during the holidays.



Chaplain Joe Jackson recently presented PO Matt Segovia a custom-made quilt from “Quilts for Cops.” A few months prior, Matt and his partner were responding to a call of shots fired when a vehicle failed to yield, striking their squad car. The great impact sent them into a light pole. We are grateful they survived, and thankful to Quilts for Cops for their amazing support of our injured officers. More information about this organization can be found on our [website](#), or by contacting Chaplain Hysni Selenica, our QFC liaison.

On 02 DEC we hosted our beloved Gold Star Family members at the annual pre-holiday dinner at Soldier Field. What a wonderful opportunity for us to thank these families for the sacrifice they endured, and to reiterate that their loved one who died in the line of duty will NEVER be forgotten! Thank you to all our supporters who make the evening possible!

On 17 DEC, we commemorate the three-year anniversary of the untimely and tragic deaths of Officers Conrad Gary and Eduardo Marmolejo. May they rest in peace, and may their families be assured of our loving, prayerful support!

Theirs and many other memorial cards may be downloaded from our website. If you'd prefer to have any cards mailed to you, simply email or call me.



During the Advent season, many people try to pray more intentionally.

So, just a reminder: every Friday at 12:05 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 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 Christmas morning 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

The Upper Room Club is back! Join us Thursday, 16 DEC (note the new date), 6:30 p.m. at Pizano's Pizza/Pasta (21st and Indiana) for fellowship, faith-sharing, fun and fantastic food. More information can be found on our website.

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

God bless you as you continue to do God's work. Please stay safe and healthy! Know that active or retired, you're in our daily prayers.

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