

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

As the weather warms up, Chaplain Joe Jackson is organizing a regular BIKING WITH THE CHAPLAINS trip to different locations throughout the city and surrounding area. Come explore God's beautiful creation while getting some fresh air and enjoying each other's company. For scheduling and location information, please email Joseph.Jackson@ChicagoPolice.org.



Attention married couples: Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis is putting together a police marriage weekend retreat at a beautiful resort in Itasca. It'll be held the second weekend in October. Mark your calendar to come strengthen your marriage with a dozen or so other couples! To reserve your spot, please email Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis at Kimberly.LewisDavis@ChicagoPolice.org.

In light of recent exhibits of anti-police sentiments, I thought it most appropriate to share the national police prayer:

National Police Prayer

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we ask your blessing and guidance upon all law enforcement officers engaged in the protection of your people.

Be with them on their tours of duty while patrolling the streets of our city. Give the blessing of your wisdom, to know and do what is right. Temper their actions with mercy and justice.

When their tours are completed, guide them safely home to their loved ones.

We also ask your blessing upon all our brothers and sisters who have sacrificed their very lives in the performance of their duties. Give to their loved ones the peace and strength to bear the anguish of their loss. May eternal peace and rest abide with their departed loved ones forever.

This we ask in your most holy name, for you live and reign forever and ever... *Amen.*

This past month we suffered the death of 018th district PO Israel (Izzy) Martinez, only 27 years old. Celebrating the St. Jude service in Waukegan, Illinois, for the family, I saw the incredible show of love from 100 or so brothers/sisters in blue who drove all the way up there to his family's hometown to show their support.



Izzy saved a life a couple weeks before his own death. Here is a picture from the press conference from that event. The night of his funeral, Izzy's mother suffered a stroke and sadly, she died a few days later. Prayers, please, for the Martinez Family! We need our prayerful support now more than ever.

Being Police Memorial Month, we also remember our 594 Chicago heroes whose names are inscribed permanently on the walls of Gold Star Families Memorial and Park. Their names and memories are also inscribed permanently in our hearts. They will never be forgotten.

If the CPD Chaplains can ever be of ANY assistance to CPD members, retirees or families, please don't hesitate to call on us: Chaplain Bob Montelongo (773/459-5089), Rabbi Moshe Wolf (773/463-4780), Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis (312/771-6638), Chaplain Joe Jackson (312/771-6684), Chaplain Hysni Selenica (312/771-6692) or me (773/550-2369). All of these numbers are cell phones and receive text messages. You can also email us through the chaplains' website.

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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