

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

Thanks to all who attended the Brotherhood For The Fallen's "Blue Tie Gala" last month in Rosemont. It was a spectacular tribute to all who have lost their lives in the line of duty—not only here, but throughout our nation.



One such hero honored, of course, was our own Ella French. That evening, the CPD Honor Guard presented to Ella's mother a flag that flew over Afghanistan in a US military refueling jet, and then was hoisted over the World Trade Center on 9/11/2021. To see news coverage of these events, please visit our website's "Video Library" page.

I've received several requests for her memorial card; let me know if you'd like one sent to you. (Note you can also download/print them from our website's "LOD death memorial cards" link.)

Thanks, also, to all who attended the Blue Mass at St. John Cantius Parish on the feast of St. Michael the Archangel last month. The good folks of that parish pray regularly for the safety and well-being of our officers.

Upcoming Blue Masses include:

Sunday, 17 OCT, 11:00 a.m.

St. Terrence Parish (4300 W. 119th Place in Alsip)

Saturday, 06 NOV, 5:30 p.m.

St. Ita Parish (1220 W. Catalpa, Chicago)

Saturday, 13 NOV, 5:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Parish (Harlem and Talcott, Chicago)

All are welcome to come and pray with and for our officers...active and retired! If you'd like your parish to host a Blue Mass, please ask your pastor to contact me.

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 weekend before Valentine's Day (Friday, February 11 to Sunday, February 13).

Mark your calendar to come strengthen your marriage with a dozen or so other couples! Enrollment is limited, and attendee costs are offset by Police Chaplains Ministry and the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation. To reserve your spot, please email Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis at Kimberly.LewisDavis@ChicagoPolice.org.

On our Wednesday night rounds through the districts recently, the Chaplains Unit bumped into PO Kate Moriarty keeping crime at bay in 025. Notice there is NO criminal activity at the corner of North Avenue and Cicero under her watch! Kate and colleagues, keep up the great work!



Finally, our new challenge coins have arrived! They feature St. Michael the Archangel on the front and the chaplains' star on the back. The coins can be purchased at the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation store at police headquarters or on the Police Chaplains Ministry website's merchandise page.

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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