

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



Last month I met up with some retirees to support the American Legion Post at 97th and Kedzie. Here you'll see (L-R) Mike Dougherty and his brother Bob, along with Bob Pizzo. To ALL retirees: keep enjoying those monthly checks!



I also had the pleasure last month of joining many CPD friends at the home of recently-retired (from 020) PO Ray (and Linda) Allen. Here you'll see him sitting to my right and Tom Crouchelli (050) standing to my left. You can tell by Tom's smile that he's not far behind Ray. To all those still on the job: there's light at the end of the tunnel!

If you happen to be reading this column prior to 19 FEB, please join us that day at 8:00 a.m. at St. John Fisher Parish (103rd/Washtenaw). All are welcome to a Blue Mass to pray with and for our officers. This Mass coincides with a Chicago Police Memorial Foundation "Get Behind the Vest" fundraiser pancake breakfast co-hosted by Alderman Matt O'Shea.

Speaking of Matt O'Shea...in Chicago's City Council, there is perhaps no louder voice, no bigger supporter of the police. His constant pro-police agenda is SO needed right now. He also generously serves on the Board of Directors of Police Chaplains Ministry. Additionally, Matt has helped raise over \$100,000 for the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's "Get Behind the Vest" initiative over the

years. His constituents are blessed to have his voice; I am equally blessed to call him a friend.

A northside Blue Mass will be held Sunday, 19 MAR, 9:00 a.m. at St. Helen Parish (2301 W. Augusta Boulevard). As always, all are welcome!

Ash Wednesday is 22 FEB. In keeping with time-honored tradition, CPD Chaplains will distribute blessed ashes at various locations throughout the city. The schedule will be posted on The CPD Wire and our website.

Keep up with all of the above and LOTS more on our Facebook page or 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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