



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

A faithful group of CPD members and civilians gather annually to honor Chief Francis O'Neill, who served as police chief (now referred to as superintendent) here in Chicago after immigrating from Ireland. We met again at Mt. Olivet Cemetery on 15 OCT for bagpipes, prayer and a history lesson about this hero's life. Here you'll see our group in front of Chief O'Neill's mausoleum after the ceremony and before enjoying a celebratory shot in the chief's honor.



Many thanks to the following parishes who last month hosted me to celebrate blue Masses north, downtown and south: St. Eugene, Holy Name Cathedral, St. Gianna, and St. Paul of the Cross. It is always gratifying to see churches full of folks who not only appreciate the police, but gather to pray for (and with) you.



During the upcoming season of Advent, 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 Thanksgiving morning Mass at 10:00...note the difference in time for the holiday. We meet at the same holiday time, same place on Christmas morning. More information can be found on the "Police Mass" link at www.ChicagoPCM.org.

If the CPD Chaplains can ever be of ANY assistance/support to members, retirees or families, please don't hesitate to call on us: Chaplain Bob Montelongo (773/459-5089), Chaplain Joe Jackson (312/771-6684), Chaplain Rafael Yanez (773/519-4907), Chaplain Hysni Selenica (312/771-6692), Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis (312/771-6638), Rabbi Moshe Wolf (773/463-4780), or me (773/550-2369). All of these numbers (also listed in your FOP directory under "Chaplains") are cell phones and receive text messages. You can also email us through the chaplains' website. As with our friends at EAP, you can be assured of our non-judgmental confidentiality.

Keep up with all of the above and LOTS more (including some terrific pictures) at www.ChicagoPCM.org.

God bless you and keep you safe!

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