

Fr. Dan Brandt's Corner...

Several weeks ago, we buried the remains of Joseph Lukaszewski, brother of Michael E. Lukaszewski (#7165, killed in the line of duty on 30 JUN 1957). The two brothers' wishes were to be buried together. Over 57 years later, with some very generous help from Catholic Cemeteries (and St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in River Grove), as well as

Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, we were able to cremate Joseph, who passed away recently, and bury his remains alongside his brother Mike.

God gave us a beautiful day on which to fulfill this family's request, and once again we lived up to the motto of the **Chicago Police Memorial Foundation**: "NEVER FORGET!" Pictured here are friends of the Lukaczewski Family, along with **Phil Cline**, Executive Director of the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation and (second from right) **Bethany O'Reilly**, President of **Gold Star Families**.

We remember all our fallen officers at our regular **police Mass**. In addition to our usual 11:00 a.m. Police Mass every 2nd and 4th Sunday at Mercy Home, this month we'll also celebrate a special <u>Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, 27 NOV, at **10:00 a.m.** (Please note the adjustment in time for the holiday.) No matter your faith tradition, you are **most** welcome to attend. On-duty worshippers, you'll be out as usual in less than 30 minutes.</u>

Also... the **"Upper Room Club"** which used to meet on the first Thursday of each month <u>will from now</u> <u>on meet on the first *Monday*</u> of each month (beginning 03 NOV). I look forward to seeing and sharing faith and prayer with active and retired CPD members of this Bible study group. For more information, please contact me or visit our website.

With Christmas around the corner... If you'd like a blown glass 3" x 4 ½" **CPD Christmas tree ornament**, please visit our website, and click on the "PCM Merchandise" link. A limited supply is available at great prices...and bulk prices are available if you'd like to buy them for your team. One side of the ornament (pictured) reads, "Proud to be the Police," and the other side reads, "Proud to be an American."



Finally, next month Police Chaplains Ministry will again host our beloved

Gold Star Families at a holiday dinner on the Club Level of Soldier Field, overlooking the Police Memorial. This is a wonderful evening indeed. Letters are currently being sent to those on our mailing list, soliciting financial support for this evening...but I also wanted to invite **you** via this means to consider making a donation. If you wish to do so, your tax-deductible gift (payable to Police Chaplains Ministry) may be made online at our website, sent via CPD mail to Unit 118, or mailed to/dropped off at 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago 60607. <u>Thanks</u> in advance for helping us to remind Gold Star Family members that their loved ones are NEVER FORGOTTEN. See you out there,

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