

## **Fr. Dan Brandt's Corner...**

Last month a huge group surprised **PO Jim Mullen** at a restaurant in Niles on the occasion of the 19th anniversary of his having been shot in the line of duty. Once again, the police family showed one of its own that their sacrifice is NEVER FORGOTTEN. *God bless Jim and all of our catastrophically-injured officers.*



**Need an apartment?** Mercy Home for Boys and Girls provides the Chaplains Ministry with office space at no charge and allows us to use their chapel on Jackson Boulevard for our twice-monthly police Masses. They are incredibly hospitable to our service to the police. Now I have an opportunity to return their kindness... They are in search of a PO who would like an apartment in their southeast side complex (69<sup>th</sup> and Ridgeland) for adults and families. This is NOT a resident-assistance role; you would simply enjoy your privacy, living in an apartment on their beautiful premises in a nice neighborhood, with greatly-discounted rent in return...a win-win situation! For more information, please call Dan Nelson at Mercy Home: 312-738-7550.



On Saturday, 14 NOV, an enormous crowd gathered at the corner of Oxford and Devon to dedicate the 6400 block of North Oxford as **Honorary Patrolman Joseph P. Cali Way**. On May 19, 1975, Officer Cali (star #3271, a 31-year-old, two year CPD veteran assigned to 013) was issuing a parking ticket in front of the Henry Horner Homes on the 2100 block of West Lake Street. James Clark, 17, aimed his .22 caliber rifle from a third-floor apartment and shot Officer Cali. Clark's nephew testified that moments after the shooting James Clark confessed to shooting the officer. According to additional reports, Clark *bragged* about the murder. Officer Cali was

rushed to Cook County Hospital where he died the next day. Police recovered the rifle hidden inside of Clark's couch. Cowardly James Clark was soon forgotten, but Officer Joseph Cali will NEVER be forgotten.

In this picture you'll see Joe's family assembled under the pole-mounted sign, holding an extra sign that they can display in their home. Special thanks are owed Alderman Anthony Napolitano (41st Ward) and retired PO Jim Kehoe for making this dedication possible.

This month Police Chaplains Ministry again hosted 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 were sent out last month to those on our mailing list, soliciting financial support for this evening...and very generous donations have been flowing in. 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. **Thanks for helping us to remind Gold Star Family members that they and their loved ones are NEVER FORGOTTEN.**

We also remembered our military Gold Star Families and wounded warriors at a special ceremony at St. John Fisher Catholic Church on the south side. Flags that flew over a U.S. base in Afghanistan and then again over Ground Zero in New York were presented to about 50 family members of those who were killed or severely wounded in battle. **FOP President Dean Angelo** was presented an award of gratitude for all that CPD and the FOP do to help these young men and women receive the recognition they so truly deserve.

**Christmas for Our Troops:** Many thanks to P.O./Explosives Tech Dominick Kearns and his dedicated team of volunteers who assembled the Christmas care packages we sent to our troops overseas. And thanks to so many of you who generously supported this great cause! As you read this note, the packages are on their way to their recipients...our brothers and sisters who have switched uniforms, but continue to carry out the mission of protecting our freedom and rights.

**Police Mass:** Please note: the Police Mass at Mercy Home (1140 W. Jackson Blvd) on Sunday 13 DEC, and Sunday, 27 DEC, is at its normal time of 11:00 a.m. But on Christmas Day, Friday, 25 DEC, we'll offer Mass at **10:00 a.m.** in order to get you home sooner to open gifts and prepare dinner. While this is a Catholic Mass, ALL are welcome! Bring your family.

When looking for a business to patronize, be sure to check out the "LINKS" page on our website... there you'll find several **police-owned and police-friendly businesses** who would appreciate your support. Be sure, likewise, to patronize the advertisers in this new FOP magazine.

Finally, this time of year can be very stressful. For hints on how to thrive during the holiday season, please see the "Resource and Outreaches" page on our website. *Whatever* holiday you might celebrate, may God be a big part of it—with abundant blessings to you and your family!

God bless you and your most noble work!

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