

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

Last month we blessed a brand new fleet of CPD motorcycles, as well as the bikes of the **Brothers in Blue**, a Chicago Police charitable motorcycle club. Through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel, our patron, and St. Christopher, patron of travelers, may God grant all our riders safety on the road!



Thanks to all who supported the second annual **golf outing in memory of Joe Walski, CPD**, who passed away almost two years ago. Despite predictions of thunderstorms, Mother Nature came through for us, a good time was had by all, and funds were raised for two worthy charities.

*Again* despite forecasted rain, we had beautiful weather on Fathers' Day, as hundreds of police families gathered at Gold Star Families Memorial and Park for an annual outdoor Mass. The event was covered by all the local news outlets. Check out our website's "Photo album" page for pictures and media coverage links.



Last month, we also enjoyed a wonderful day aboard the *Spirit of Chicago* with our **Gold Star Families**. This luncheon cruise was sponsored through the generosity of our Police Chaplains Ministry supporters. On behalf of all who have lost a loved one in the line of duty, THANK YOU!! If you did not receive a mailing but would like to be added to our mailing list in order to support future outings, please call me at the number below or click on "Join our mailing list" on the website.

On Sunday, 02 AUG, a **BLUE MASS** will be hosted at the parish where I reside, Resurrection Catholic Church, at Francisco and Nelson (in 014). Right after Mass, we will dedicate a new St. Michael the Archangel statue erected outside the church in honor of Chicago Police Officers who died in the line of duty. No matter your faith tradition, you are welcome to join us! (By the way, at their regular Sunday and weekday Masses, this parish remembers—by name—CPD officers who died in the line of duty.)

On Tuesday, 11 AUG, **O'Brien's Restaurant** (at North and Wells in Old Town) is generously hosting a fundraiser **Happy Hour for Police Chaplains Ministry**. \$50 gets you unlimited food and drink from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Get your name on the guest list by emailing me (below). I guarantee you'll be in good company!

Do you use **Amazon.com**? Please designate "Police Chaplains Ministry Fund" as your Amazon Smile recipient, and our vital ministry will receive .5% of your purchases at NO COST TO YOU. It's a great (and painless) way to support Police Chaplains Ministry. Thanks in advance!

Finally, have you been married civilly and would like to have your marriage blessed in the Church? Perhaps you were previously married, or celebrating a special anniversary and would like to renew your vows? The Chaplains' Office is planning a **GROUP inter-denominational wedding ceremony** to be held sometime in the next six months. If you and your better half are interested in joining about ten other CPD couples for this event, please contact us soon so we can schedule it and choose a venue.

God bless you and keep you safe!

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