

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

Just over a month ago, a memorial party was held for young **Emily Beazley**, who passed away earlier this year after a courageous battle with a devastating disease. Daughter of CPD Detective Ed Beazley, Emily exhibited incredible strength that inspired many. At the huge outdoor party held at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, the school's newest horse was named in honor of Emily. The horse's full name is **Emily Strong**. In this picture are Emily's parents, Ed and Nadia, holding the horse's birth certificate, flanked by the school's horse trainer on the left and State Representative Fran Hurley and me on the right.



We remember *all* our departed police family and extended family members at the regular **police Mass**. In addition to our usual 11:00 a.m. police Mass every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at Mercy Home, this month we'll also celebrate a special **Thanksgiving Mass** on Thursday, 26 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.

Recently a PO in 017 shared with me a bag of candy she received from a grateful civilian. This clever and well-timed gift, called a "**Survival Kit for Police**," contained the following items with a note explaining each:

- LIFESAVER to remind you of the many times you've been one
- STARBURST for the burst of energy you sometimes need
- PAYDAY since you're not in law enforcement for the money
- HERSHEY KISSES to show the public's love for you
- GUM to help everyone stick together
- TOOTSIE ROLL to help you roll with the punches
- PEPPERMINT PATTY to help you keep your cool
- SNICKERS to help you keep your sense of humor
- MOUNDS for the mounds of courage you show.

It's nice to know, despite some unfairly biased and even untruthful media reporting, that there are many, many good citizens who respect and appreciate you and your good work.

**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.

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. Thanks in advance for helping us to remind Gold Star Family members that their loved ones are NEVER FORGOTTEN.

God bless you and your most noble work!

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