

Fr. Dan Brandt's Corner...



Thanks to all who attended the **New Years Day police prayer service** at the FOP Hall. It was a perfect opportunity to close out 2015 and renew hope for a more peaceful 2016. At the service, we remembered the 129 law enforcement officers nationwide who died in the line of duty in

2015. Sadly, that number is up from 118 the year before. The Pipes and Drums of the Emerald Society, pictured here, supplied the music, and our gracious hosts at FOP provided a full bar and great food following the service.

Ash Wednesday is 10 FEB. In time-honored tradition, department chaplains will distribute blessed ashes at various police facilities throughout the city. The schedule is posted in the daily bulletin and on our website's home page.

On Thursday, 18 FEB, 6:00 – 11:00 p.m., the **CPD Survivors** will host their third annual “Phoenix Rising” event at the FOP Hall. Come check out the many resources offered to department members and support the Survivors, who continue to help officers involved in critical incidents. Food, beverages, live music, and fun for all. For more information, please visit their website: www.ChicagoPoliceSurvivors.com.

On Sunday, 21 FEB, Alderman Matt O'Shea will host a **pancake breakfast** fundraiser for the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's "Get Behind the Vest" initiative. It will be held from 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at St. John Fisher School (10200 S. Washtenaw). Donation for unlimited pancakes is \$5 per person or \$25 per family. I will celebrate the 10:00 Mass at St. John Fisher that morning, and that **Mass will be dedicated to the 574 CPD officers who have died in the line of duty.**

Have you seen the movie "Fireproof" yet? The Chaplains Section, in conjunction with the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation, will host a movie night for CPD married couples on Monday, 29 FEB, 6:30-9:30 p.m., in the north atrium of the academy. Date night will include pizza, popcorn and refreshments. This is a free event. For more information, please contact Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis at 312/771-6638. RSVP by Monday, 15 FEB. *Fireproof your marriage...and never leave your partner behind!*

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.

Finally, 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.

God bless you and your most noble work!

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