

Fr. Dan Brandt's Corner...

Last month, we enjoyed a wonderful day aboard the *Spirit of Chicago* with our **Gold Star Families**. This 21st annual 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 click on "Join our mailing list" on our website.



In the Chicago Tribune's "Health and Family" section on 08 JUN, an article was featured, entitled "**GOING TO CHURCH GOOD FOR LONGEVITY.**" The opening sentence states, "Religious services aren't just good for your soul; they may be good for your [physical] health." The article cited statistics mostly among Catholic and Protestant communities where those who regularly practice their faith are found to be in better physical health than those who do not.

That said, I'd like to remind you, as you perform God's work on the streets, that you might benefit from worshipping God on your own time, in the way you choose. Our regular **police Mass** is celebrated every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m. at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls: 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard. 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.

On Thursday, 14 JUL, **O'Brien's Restaurant** (at North and Wells in Old Town) is generously hosting a fundraiser **Happy Hour for the Police Chaplains Ministry**. \$50 gets you unlimited food and drink from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. that evening. The guest count is limited...so get your name on the list by calling or emailing me (below). Come on out...I guarantee you'll be in good company!!!

Are you a fan of **Billy Joel**? He's playing Wrigley Field on Friday, 26 AUG. If you'd like to join us, we rented out a rooftop across the street for the occasion. \$125 covers admission and unlimited food/drinks. We sold out last year, so call or email soon if you're interested!

The **Brotherhood For The Fallen** is a non-profit organization founded by department members over six years ago to represent CPD at Line-Of-Duty funerals across North America, as well as to support each fallen hero's family. In partnership with Brownells Firearms, they are hosting an inaugural training conference 25-27 SEP in Johnston, Iowa. In keeping with one of their goals--helping to educate LEO's--instruction will include armorers' classes, long- and short-range rifle use, tactical pistol training, first aid, education on explosives, and defensive tactics. I am honored to have been invited to present a piece on the God-ordained work of law enforcers during this conference. I hope to see you there! For more information, click the Brotherhood's link on our website's "Links" page.



After a recent robbery call, 012 District **Officers Jeff Kriv** and **Ross Alexander** pulled Chaplain Bob Montelongo and me aside for a photo opp. Keep up the great work, Ross and Jeff...and *all* your brothers and sisters!

May God continue to bless and keep safe all of our members!

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