

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



On St. Valentine's Day, Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis and I celebrated a **group wedding ceremony**, marrying and renewing vows of 13 CPD couples. The bagpipes



and drums of the Emerald Society led the brides in to begin the event, and escorted the couples out afterward. Following the ceremony was a Champagne toast, at which all the couples together cut into a huge wedding cake decorated with their names. To see more pictures of the occasion, check out the "Photo Album" on our website.

Thank you to the **CPD Survivors Group**, who on 18 FEB hosted a **resource night** at the FOP hall. Lined up were many programs, resources, outreaches and information beneficial to department members. More information on the free and confidential services that CPD Survivors offer to department members and retirees can be found at [www.ChicagoPoliceSurvivors.com](http://www.ChicagoPoliceSurvivors.com).



**St. Jude League stickers** are available from your district/unit St. Jude League representative. A donation of \$7.00 per sticker is requested. Buy some for your friends and family! Funds raised benefit a host of worthy charities, and make possible the ministry of St. Jude Chaplains who lead prayer services at CPD family wakes. For more information about obtaining your sticker, or if you don't know who your rep is, please contact me.

As we progress through Lent, please remember you're *always* welcome to worship at the **police Mass** every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at Mercy Home, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd. (Please note that on Easter Sunday, 27 MAR, like on all holidays, our Mass is moved up to 10:00 a.m.) Mass is kept under 30 minutes for those who would like to attend during their lunch break. No matter your faith tradition, you are invited to attend and give God the glory.

We received some thank-you notes for Christmas care packages we sent to our brothers and sisters currently serving in the US Military in various parts of the world. Here's one of my favorites:

*Greetings from Guantanamo Bay.*

*My name is PPO William Robles and I want to extend the deepest of gratitude for the care package I received from supporters of Police Chaplains Ministry. It definitely lifted my spirits while being deployed. It will make the rest of my time here easier, knowing that there are people back home who care about us.*

*Thank you again...God Bless!*

I certainly couldn't say it any better than PPO Robles: *Thank you...God bless!*

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