

Fr. Dan Brandt's Corner...

Thank you to all who attended the Police Chaplains Ministry party last month at the **Rabbit Hole** in Old Town! And *thanks* to the organizers, who did a terrific job and raised some well-used funds to support our mission: pastoral care and 24/7 crisis ministry to active and retired members of the Chicago Police Department....not to mention our constant attention to CPD's beloved **Gold Star Families** (those who have lost a loved one in the line of duty).

The Rabbit Hole at 1208 N. Wells Street was our most generous host that evening. Please remember them when looking for a great place to host a party or have dinner/drinks!

Recently I had the honor of praying with the **Brothers in Blue**, a fraternal motorcycle club made up largely of police officers. They do many good works including frequent support of our ministry to CPD's beloved Gold Star Families. Thank you, Brothers in Blue, for your constant support of our work. Safe travels on your newly-blessed motorcycles!



Whether Catholic or another faith...all are welcome, so mark your calendar. In addition to our regular 2nd and 4th Sunday 11:00 a.m. Masses at Mercy Home, **BLUE MASSES** will be held as follows in the coming months:

- Wednesday, 27 SEP, 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary of Perpetual Help Church (Bridgeport)
- Sunday, 08 OCT, 9:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Peace Church (79th/Jeffrey)
- Sunday, 15 OCT, 11:30 a.m. at St. James Parish (29th/Wabash)
- Sunday, 29 OCT, 10:00 a.m. at St. Thecla Parish (Devon, east of Harlem).

At the request of a retiree who misses hearing this prayer, I'd like to close with the words of the **National Police Prayer**, which we pray on occasion at ceremonies of varying sorts.

Father of all mercies, we ask Thy blessing and guidance upon all law enforcement officers engaged in the protection of our citizens. Be with them in their lonely tours of duty while patrolling the busy streets of our cities and the remote areas of our country.

Give the blessing of your wisdom, to know and do what is right. Temper their actions with mercy and justice. When their tours are completed and the day is over, guide them safely home to their loved ones.

We also ask Thy blessing and eternal rest to all our brothers and sisters who have sacrificed their very lives in the performance of their duties. Give to their loved ones the peace and strength to bear the anguish of their loss. Remove all resentment from their hearts, knowing that eternal peace and rest will abide with their departed loved ones forever and ever.
- *Amen.*

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