

Fr. Dan Brandt's Corner...

We just celebrated our **85th annual St. Jude March**. This is a proud tradition of the Chicago Police Department and a wonderful way to prayerfully remember those who have lost their lives in the line of duty!

May is traditionally the month during which we do just that: go out of our way to memorialize our fallen officers. THANK YOU to the many members who are representing our department this month at memorial services in Washington, D.C. and Springfield.

It is totally fitting that later this month, Police Chaplains Ministry will host our beloved **Gold Star Families** on our 22nd annual luncheon cruise aboard the *Spirit of Chicago*. This outing reminds our esteemed guests that their loved ones who died in the line of duty are NEVER FORGOTTEN.



Your generous support of Police Chaplains Ministry (a 501(C)3 organization) makes these outings possible... so thank you to all our supporters! If you would like to contribute, please visit our website: www.ChicagoPCM.org.



Also during the month of May, Christians around the world remember our Blessed Mother, Mary, the woman who bore Jesus Christ. How fitting that we should honor (*not* "deify" or "worship") this young Jewish heroine. **If you would like a police-blue Rosary** free of charge, please email Chaplain Bob Montelongo (from our website's "Meet Your Chaplains" page), and he'll be happy to send you one.

St. Juliana Parish (7201 N. Oketo / Edison Park) invited me to celebrate a **Blue Mass** there on Sunday, 04 JUN, at 11:00 a.m. Active or retired, please join us as we pray for all our first responders! Uniforms are welcome but not necessary.

In addition to our regular second--and fourth-Sunday Masses, next month--as in years past--we celebrate a special **Fathers' Day Mass** at Gold Star Memorial and Park at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, 18 JUN. Being an outdoor venue, if the weather looks questionable, please call (773) 550-2369 that morning to make sure the Mass is on. You are welcome to bring folding chairs or a blanket...and even a picnic lunch for after Mass.



The inaugural **Jacob Manning Schmitz Golf Outing** is set for Saturday, 22 JUL, with a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. The son of retired Deputy Chief Leo Schmitz, Jake passed away last year after a courageous battle with Leukemia. Proceeds from this outing will fund a scholarship set up in Jake's name at Brother

Rice High School. Whether you're an avid or amateur golfer, you can have a good time while supporting a great cause. For more information, please contact Jim O'Grady at 312-296-1157.

Plans for the **Police Married Couples' Retreat** are coming along..."Eight Habits of a Successful Marriage." Active or retired, if you would like to learn tools proven to strengthen individuals and relationships, join us Sweetest Day weekend (20-22 OCT 2017) at a resort and spa in nearby Itasca. A \$550 donation per couple covers lodging, food and retreat curriculum. Please contact Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis to reserve your spot: 312-771-6638 or Kimberly.LewisDavis@ChicagoPolice.org.

God bless you and keep you safe!

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