

Fr. Dan Brandt's Corner...

A group of faithful parishioners of **St. Gabriel Catholic Church** in Canaryville pray the Rosary every Wednesday evening on the church's front steps. Their prayer intention? The safety and well-being of Chicago Police Officers. For years, these good people have made it a point to meet at St. Gabe's for about 20 minutes every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. to pray for YOU. *How cool is that?!?!*



During this month of November when we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, we thank God for folks like these...not to mention our families, our faith, and the most noble profession in the world.

Join us for **Mass on Thanksgiving** morning, 23 NOV, 10:00 a.m. at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls (1140 W. Jackson Boulevard). *Note the 10:00 a.m. holiday start time.* (Planning ahead...Mass on **Christmas day** is also at 10:00 a.m. at Mercy Home.)

Thanks, also, to all those who have come out these past two months for the half-dozen **Blue Masses** offered throughout the city. We are grateful to the host parishes, as well: St. Barnabas, St. Mary of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Peace, St. Thecla, Most Holy Redeemer, Holy Cross Monastery, and St. Joseph. Members of these parishes are grateful in return for the brave and selfless service of first responders. Their prayers and support are appreciated (and needed!) perhaps now more than ever.

Kudos to **Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis**, who hosted a CPD couples' retreat over Sweetest Day weekend at a spa/resort in Itasca. At the retreat, I witnessed many CPD members and spouses engaging and growing in love with each other AND in the love of the Lord. For future opportunities to grow in your marriage and in God's grace, please feel free to contact Kimberly through our website.

A few CPD Officers happened to be present during the massacre in **Las Vegas** two months ago. They were there on pleasure, but kicked right into police mode when the shots started raining down. A letter was received by CPD from a gentleman from California, praising our officers' heroic off-duty action. We are exceedingly proud of these officers.

This horrific incident at the hands of a true coward--one who was observed and photographed at many alt-left (un-American) protests in recent years--reminds us of a new reality. That said,

GOOD WORK to all officers who protected the **Chicago Marathon** and the **Cubs** playoff games last month! New heightened security measures took many of you away from your families and routines. Thank you for your dedication to the safety of our city. Your work paid off and is MOST appreciated!

Finally, as Christmas approaches, you might want some gift ideas while supporting our cause. On our website, you can find lots of items like the tumblers (\$10), coffee mugs (\$10) and t-shirts (\$15) shown below. (You can avoid shipping charges by contacting Det. Gia DiVito at DiVitoGia@gmail.com.)



God bless you,

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