

From Your Directing Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...



Last month Beverly Country Club hosted a golf outing benefitting the 100 Club of Illinois. I had the privilege of driving around in a golf cart with Nick Barraco, delivering beverages to thirsty golfers. Nick's family owns Barraco's Pizza restaurants, who LOVE the police and the good work you do. Please patronize them when you need a great south-side meal!

On 19 NOV, we commemorate the three-year anniversary of PO Samuel Jimenez's death at Mercy Hospital. Sam's memorial card—and many others—can be downloaded from our website. May he and all our fallen heroes rest in peace!

Thanks to the six north- and south-side parishes who have hosted Blue Masses in recent months! Our next Blue Mass is at Queen of Martyrs Parish in Evergreen Park on Sunday, 21 NOV, at 10:30 a.m. As always, we'll pray with—and for—all our heroes on the front line. No matter your faith tradition, ALL are welcome. I hope to see you there!

Don't forget our regular twice-monthly police Masses offered at Mercy Home. In order to allow for social distancing, these Masses are celebrated in the indoor soccer field at Adams and Aberdeen. Mass is held the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 11:00 a.m. and, for the sake of on-duty worshippers, is kept under 30 minutes.

Please note on Thanksgiving and Christmas day, the police Mass is celebrated at 10:00 a.m. in the same location.

Attention married couples: Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis is putting together a police marriage weekend retreat at a beautiful resort in Itasca. It'll be held the weekend before Valentine's Day (Friday, February 11 to Sunday, February 13). Mark your calendar to come strengthen your marriage with a dozen or so other couples! Enrollment is limited, and attendee costs are offset by Police Chaplains Ministry and the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation. To reserve your spot, please email Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis at Kimberly.LewisDavis@ChicagoPolice.org.

If the CPD Chaplains can ever be of ANY assistance to CPD members, retirees or families, please don't hesitate to call on us: Chaplain Bob Montelongo (773/459-5089), Rabbi Moshe Wolf (773/463-4780), Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis (312/771-6638), Chaplain Joe Jackson (312/771-6684), Chaplain Hysni Selenica (312/771-6692) or me (773/550-2369). All of these numbers are cell phones and receive text messages. You can also email us through the chaplains' website.

Keep up with all of the above and LOTS more on our FaceBook page or website (www.ChicagoPCM.org).

God bless you as you continue to do God's work. Please stay safe and healthy! Know that active or retired, you're in our daily prayers.

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