

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



Recently I bumped into canine handler Bob Gilleran keeping folks safe on the northwest side. Judging by the size of the smile on his face, he's in the autumn of his career! God bless you and your good work, Bob.

That goes for all of you still out there doing God's work. God bless you and your service...and please, God keep you safe!!!

As you well know, we as a blue family have had a horrible couple of months. At wakes/funerals last month, I begged officers to take advantage of the resources available. In the past few years, our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) tripled, then quadrupled, and now QUINTUPLED the number of clinicians available to our members.

Please trust me when I tell you that EAP is completely confidential (as are my fellow chaplains). All of our 24/7 numbers are in your department directory.



On 21 JUL, Pizano's Pizza hosted our Upper Room Club. Around 30 participants had the opportunity to discuss current events both within and outside the police department, relating them to our faith. It was a wonderful evening of food and faith sharing. Check our website for information on the next gathering.



On 22 JUL, we dedicated the corner of Everell and Harlem to Detective Geoff Woitel. Thank you to CPD-supportive Alderman Anthony Napolitano for making this happen!! Hundreds of folks showed up to support Geoff's family. May he rest in peace!

Thank you also to St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish in Oak Lawn, and St. Jerome Parish in Bridgeport, for hosting Blue Masses this month.

Another Blue Mass will be hosted on Sunday, 25 SEP, 12:00 noon at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Orland Park. **(Please note there will be NO usual police Mass at Mercy Home that day.)**

And on Sunday, 02 OCT, 10:30 a.m., Holy Name Cathedral will host a Blue Mass. As always, ALL are welcome.

Remember (other than 25 SEP), 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.

Finally, on Saturday, 24 SEP, the Brotherhood for the Fallen will host their annual “Blue Tie Gala” in Rosemont. Details can be found on their website

Please stay safe and healthy!

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