

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



Last month, South Elgin Police hosted an "Officer Down Tribute." I had the honor of opening and closing the event, and CPD was well represented by the Bagpipes and Drums of the Emerald Society and our own PO Kenyatta Gaines providing a musical tribute. After rain ALL day, God agreed that this event should go on...and we had a beautiful, dry, cool evening.



On 03 JUN, Chaplain Hysni Selenica (R) joined quilters in the 016th District community room for their monthly quilting session. These quilters make up the Chicago chapter of "Quilts for Cops," a nationwide organization making custom quilts for police officers seriously injured in the line of duty. For more information about Quilts for Cops, and to see some pictures of CPD officers receiving quilts, visit our website's "Photo Album" page.

If you happen to be reading this magazine before 21 JUL, please feel free to join us at 6:30 p.m. for our UPPER ROOM CLUB. We meet at Pizano's Pizza/Pasta at 21st and Indiana to enjoy a meal, drinks, and faith sharing opportunity in good CPD company!

I hope to see you at "Sunday Funday" on 31 JUL at Dugans, 128 S. Halsted. We'll have food and an open bar from 4:00-6:00 p.m. for those who make a donation to Police Chaplains Ministry (benefiting, of course, our Gold Star Families!). Chances are very good that we'll stick around for a bit before 4:00 and after 6:00!

Here's a challenge... Last month I had dinner downtown with about 16 active and retired members of CPD. If you can identify the officer sitting to my right (where the "Favorite Disciple," St. John, sat at the Last Supper!), I'll send you a challenge coin. From the picture here, you'll see he has more hair above his upper lip than I have on my head! You may also know him as the CPD legend who was known to successfully de-escalate protests (even making friends with protestors) using his unique sense of humor. To claim your prize, simply email me this officer's name.



St. Jerome Parish in Bridgeport is hosting a Blue Mass on Sunday, 07 AUG, at 7:00 p.m. This is the anniversary of Ella French's death, so we will offer the Mass for her. There will be refreshments in the parish hall after Mass. Regardless of your faith tradition, all are welcome!

And finally, planning way ahead, 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.) Again, ALL are welcome.

God bless you as you continue to do God's work. Please stay safe and healthy!

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