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



Thanks to the folks at Holy Name Cathedral and St. Gianna Parish (St. Bernadette/Queen of Martyrs in Evergreen Park) for hosting recent blue Masses. And thanks to the pipes and drums and Honor Guard for adding to the solemnity of these wonderful occasions.



I'll be celebrating another blue Mass at Saint Mary of the Woods Parish on 11 FEB 2024 at 9:00 a.m. As always, we invite ALL to pray with and for our officers at these blue Masses!



Last month I had the honor of witnessing PO Danny Golden marry Casey, the love of his life. As we heard in the first reading that day from the Old Testament Book of Tobit, "May you two live together to a happy old age!"



On 11 OCT, we dedicated a new memorial sculpture at Gold Star Families Memorial and Park, honoring CPD's beloved fallen canine and equine members.



Recently, Officers Andrew Kramer and Francisco Perez were presented with handmade quilts from Quilts For Cops. These two CPD heroes were injured when during a traffic stop,

their squad car was hit by another car and pushed into traffic, where yet another vehicle collided with them.

Quilts For Cops is a national organization with a Chicago chapter that assembles beautiful quilts for officers injured in the line of duty. For more information about this organization, check out our website's home page.



On 19 NOV, we commemorate the five-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!

Support the Chicago Police Marine Corps League! Saturday, 09 DEC, from 1:00-6:00 p.m., they'll host a watch party at the FOP hall for the Army/Navy football game. More info may be found at <u>www.ChicagoPoliceMarines.org</u>.

Finally, this time of year can be pretty stressful. Please keep in mind the REAL meaning of the holiday season. If you feel you need an ear or more to cope with these busy times, we're here for you...as are your EAP clinicians. Don't hesitate to call on us.

May God bless you and keep you safe and healthy! <u>Thank you for doing God's</u> <u>work</u>.

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