



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



NEW YEAR BLESSINGS TO ALL!!



Congratulations to 005th District Officer Jake Schmeisser, who last month received the 2023 Carter Harrison Award. Thanks, Jake and partners, for your valiant service and for making CPD proud!



Also last month, I had the chance to bless the Edison Park neighborhood Christmas tree and visit with (R-L) Chamber of Commerce Director Amanda Harres, retired PO Mike Simi, and you-know-who. A good time was had by all 1,500+ in attendance representing this wonderful community.

I'll be celebrating a 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!

Ash Wednesday is 14 FEB. In keeping with time-honored tradition, CPD Chaplains will distribute blessed ashes at various locations throughout the city. The schedule will be posted on The CPD Wire and our website.



Please mark your calendar: On Saturday, 27 APR 2024, from 3:00-7:00 p.m., we'll be taking over The Klaimont Collections auto museum (near Belmont/Cicero). This is a fundraiser for Police Chaplains Ministry. There will be a grand raffle...so please shake the tree if you have any friends who own restaurants, car washes, bars, clothing stores, whatever! Please ask for gift certificates. We would appreciate your help!



In last month's column I threw out a challenge to readers. If you could ID any of the PO's in my picture, you'd get a Police Chaplains Ministry challenge coin sent to you. Lots were sent out! Here are their names, L-R: Enzo Cabrera, Adan Pedroza and Mike Carrasco. God bless you, guys, and keep you safe!

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

Finally, if the CPD Chaplains can ever be of ANY assistance/support to CPD members, retirees or families, please don't hesitate to call on us: Chaplain Bob Montelongo (773/459-5089), Chaplain Joe Jackson (312/771-6684), Chaplain Hysni Selenica (312/771-6692), Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis (312/771-6638), Rabbi Moshe Wolf (773/463-4780), or me (773/550-2369). All of these numbers (also listed in your FOP directory under "Chaplains") are cell phones and receive text messages. You can also email us through the chaplains' website. As with EAP, you can be assured of our non-judgmental confidentiality.

May God bless you and keep you safe and healthy in the new year! Thank you for doing God's work.

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