

Fr. Dan Brandt's Corner...

Thanks to the hundreds and hundreds who participated in the **BLUE MASS** earlier this month at Resurrection Catholic Church! After the Mass, a beautiful statue was dedicated outside the church building, honoring **St. Michael the Archangel**. Thanks to our Mounted Unit, Honor Guard, and Knights of Columbus for making the event even more memorable.



Next time you're near Francisco and Nelson (in 014), stop by this beautiful outdoor shrine, and say a prayer for the 572 officers who died in the line of duty here in Chicago. By the way, at their regular daily and Sunday Masses, Resurrection Parish remembers—by name—these same heroes.

Thanks, also, to all who supported our happy hour at **O'Brien's Restaurant** in Old Town. A debt of gratitude is owed Peter O'Brien, proprietor, for his very generous support of Police Chaplains Ministry and our Gold Star Families!

Three of our department members got jammed up in an incident in a northwest suburb several months ago. To help these three outstanding officers through this tough time, friends are hosting a **benefit** on Monday, 17 AUG, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. at Iron Horse Ale House—6158 N. Northwest Highway. \$50 admission includes food and drink. Raffle tickets are also available. See our website for details or to buy tickets online. I hope to see lots of familiar faces there!

Chicago Wingfest, a hot wing expo thrown by 018th district bars featuring live blues music, carnival games, craft beer and a flea market, returns on **Saturday, 05 SEP!** This year, the Wingfest sponsors (Rush and Division Management Group) has named Police Chaplains Ministry as a charity partner. We are very excited by this show of generosity by Chris Ryan and his colleagues at Rush and Division. The shenanigans begin at 1:00 p.m. at 1340 W. Washington Blvd. More information can be found on our website's home page or www.WingFest.net.

A south-side **BLUE MASS will be celebrated at St. Cajetan Parish** (112th and Artesian) on Sunday, 20 SEP at 11:00 a.m. Active or retired, please join us! Often before Blue Masses I get phone calls and emails asking, "Do I have to show up in uniform?" The answer is NO (though of course you're welcome to do so).

Last call...have you been married civilly and would like to have your marriage blessed in the Church? Perhaps you were previously married, or are celebrating a special anniversary and would like to renew your vows? The Chaplains' Office is planning a **GROUP inter-denominational wedding ceremony** to be held this coming St. Valentine's Day. If you and your better half are interested in joining over a dozen other active and retired CPD couples for this event, please contact us soon so we can decide on a venue.

Finally, a note of THANKS to the folks at **Peerless Embroidery** (at 49th and Racine in 009) for their constant generosity to our causes. At the Spirit of Chicago luncheon cruise that Police Chaplains Ministry hosted in June for our beloved Gold Star Family members, we sent the hundreds of attendees home with a gift: a soft-sided picnic/lunch cooler. These premiums were embroidered with our logo,

FREE OF CHARGE, by Peerless Embroidery as their way of showing gratitude to those who lost a family member in the line of duty. If you need t-shirts or any promotional materials, please see the link to their website on our site's "Links" page.



Active officers, as you know, **we in the Chaplains Section spend a combined 50-60 hours on the street each week alongside you.** Here, we stop in the Englewood station to say hello to Lt. Mike Murphy and PO Alicja Bochenek. My prayer here (as *there* when we see each other at all hours) remains the same: May God bless you and keep you safe!

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