

Fr. Dan Brandt's Corner...

Our **Emerald Society** made Chicago very proud as they represented us at several stops around Ireland, including *LEADING* the St. Patrick's Day parade in Dublin. For more information about this Irish-American police organization, see their link on our website.



On Wednesday, 13 MAY, at 9:00 p.m., we will host a prayer/memorial service at Nordica and Palmer (in 025)—the site where **PO's Gregory Hauser and Raymond Kilroy** were killed in the line of duty 25 years ago, at the same time on the same date.

And on Tuesday, 19 MAY, a **memorial Mass** will be celebrated at 8:40 a.m. at Mary, Seat of Wisdom Church in Park Ridge for **Joseph Cali** (EOW 20 MAY 1975).

We remember all of our LOD deaths at the **police Mass** every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at Mercy Home, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd. While this is a Catholic Mass, ALL are welcome.

In case you have this newsletter in time, you're welcome to bring mom to Mother's Day Mass on Sunday, 10 MAY. (Please note the holiday change in Mass time to **10:00 a.m.**). If Mom is no longer with us, let me know ahead of time, and we'll remember her in our prayers for the deceased that day.

Also, planning ahead: as always, we will celebrate a special **Fathers' Day Mass** at Gold Star Memorial and Park at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, 21 JUN. Being an outdoor venue, if the weather looks questionable, please call (773) 550-2369 that morning to make sure the Mass is on. You are welcome to bring folding chairs or a blanket...and even a picnic lunch for after Mass.

There will be a special **Blue Mass** honoring first responders at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, 31 MAY, at **St. Thecla Catholic Church**—6725 W. Devon Ave. Active or retired, you are most welcome to this special Mass I will concelebrate with CFD Chaplain Fr. Tom Mulcrone. While the Mass is being held in a Catholic church, *ALL* CPD members/retirees/families are welcome!

May is the month when many Christians remember the Blessed Mother, Mary, the woman who bore Jesus Christ. How fitting that we should remember (not deify or worship, but honor and revere) this young Jewish heroine. **If you would like a Rosary** to carry with you when on the street, please email Chaplain Bob Montelongo (from our website's home page), and he'll be happy to send you one.

A golf outing will be held 13 JUN in memory of Joe Walski, CPD, who passed away just over a year ago. For details, please visit our website.

Finally, have you been married civilly and would like to have your marriage blessed in the Church? Or, are you celebrating a special anniversary and would like to renew your marriage vows? The Chaplains' Office is gauging interest in a **GROUP inter-denominational wedding ceremony** to be held sometime in the next six or eight months. If you and your better half would be interested in participating, please contact us soon so we can decide if this is an endeavor worth pursuing.

God bless you and keep you safe!

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