

Fr. Dan Brandt's Corner...

HAPPY, HEALTHY, HOLY NEW YEAR!

Last month's FOP Magazine highlighted officers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in serving the community. I'd like to add to that. Here's a picture of **Police Officers Brenna Scanlan and Gia DiVito** who gave up a Wednesday afternoon/evening last month to serve meals to folks at a community soup kitchen on the south side. Once again, even *off* the clock, we see the "**Serve**" side of "Serve and Protect." Thank you, Brenna and Gia, for living out your vocation, even off-duty!



Another cool story: A few months ago, Joe (one of our bicycle unit officers) sold "Thin Blue Line" bracelets, raising \$900 for the families of the officers killed in Dallas last summer. Like our **Brotherhood for the Fallen**, he forwarded the funds to these most worthy recipients. He asked me to pass this message along: "To all you guys in blue: if you bought a thin blue line bracelet or just donated money....this is the bike cop who accepted it. I appreciate your donation and the fact that you all did it without question. I just mentioned the Dallas fallen officers' families, and you took out your money. I want you all to know I collected \$900, and it is now in the hands of those worthy families. We are definitely the Thin Blue Line Family who takes care of each other when needed. Thanks again. Be Safe, and watch out for each other."

Sunday, 05 FEB, **St. Barnabas Parish** (10134 S. Longwood Drive) will be our host as Fr. Tom Mulcrone (CFD Chaplain) and I celebrate a special **police and fire Mass** at 10:00 a.m. Please join us, in uniform if you'd like, to offer thanks and praise with our brothers and sisters in the fire service.

On Thursday, 16 FEB, 6:00 – 11:00 p.m., the **CPD Survivors** will host their fourth annual "Phoenix Rising" event at the FOP Hall. Come check out the many resources offered to department members and support the Survivors, who continue to help officers involved in critical incidents. Food, beverages, live music, and fun for all. For more information, please visit their website: www.ChicagoPoliceSurvivors.com.

In this new year, if you haven't already made a resolution... consider following the example of Brenna, Gia, Joe, members of the Chicago Police Survivors, and countless other brothers and sisters, in going out of your way to make this little piece of our world a better place.

God bless you and your family throughout 2017,

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