

From Your Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...

I recently attended an event at **Catholic Charities** on LaSalle Street, where a new flagpole and plaza were dedicated to **Commander Paul Bauer**.

Hundreds of folks participated in the ceremony, including PO Tom Baker (018), Commander Dan O'Shea (018), and Monsignor Michael Boland (President/CEO of Catholic Charities of Chicago).



Thanks to all who attended last month's **Candlelight Vigil** at Soldier Field. It was a wonderful way to remember the 582 Chicago Police Officers who, over years, have died in the line of duty.

Thanks, also, to the many who attended **Blue Masses** at Resurrection, St. Ita, St. Mary of Perpetual Help and St. Florian Parishes. On more than one occasion, the large congregations offered standing ovations to our officers. It is clear the vast majority of good people out there truly appreciate the work our officers do and the sacrifices they make.

There will be another **Blue Mass** on Sunday, 04 NOV, 10:00 a.m. at **St. Thecla Parish**, 6725 W. Devon Avenue. Also, planning ahead, **St. Barnabas** (in Beverly) hosts us again for their annual Blue Mass on Sunday, 03 FEB, at 10:00 a.m. No uniform needed; come as you are.

Elections are approaching, so I'd like to once again mention one of our own members, **Sgt. Ammie Kessem**, who is running for State Representative of the 19th Legislative District. Her no-nonsense philosophy and common-sense beliefs include lower income/property taxes and a plan for safer neighborhoods. Ammie, who has been on the job since 1999, remains a member of Lodge 7. She would be grateful for your vote. Learn more at www.AmmieFor19.com.

On election day, Tuesday, 06 NOV, Pizano's in the south loop hosts our next **Upper Room Club** gathering. For more information, please visit our website. The Chaplains Section will host a **Spin Class** for CPD members only. The class will be held on **Thanksgiving** morning, 22 NOV, from 9:00-9:45 a.m. at Blazin' Cycle, 10227 S. Western Avenue. RSVP by 25 OCT to Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis at 312-771-6638.

Space is limited, so sign up soon to burn off the calories you'll be consuming that same afternoon!

We also have a special **Thanksgiving Mass** that morning at 10:00 at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls (1140 W. Jackson Boulevard).

The Chaplains Section will also be hosting a **Kids' Cooking Class** for CPD youth ages 10-14. Your kids can join us 27 DEC, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Kid's Table, 2337 W. North Avenue. They will learn how to make healthy meal choices and prepare one delicious meal. RSVP by 29 NOV to Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis at 312-771-6638. Again, space is limited.

Chaplains Ministry **Challenge Coins** are still available...the most recent mint honors our fallen officers. See and order them online by clicking the "Merchandise" link at www.ChicagoPCM.org. The coins are also available at the FOP store on Washington Boulevard and the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation store at headquarters.

When looking for a business to patronize, be sure to check out the "Links" page on our website. There you'll find many **police-owned and police-friendly businesses** who support you and would appreciate your support in return. If you have a suggestion for an addition to this page, please let me know.

Finally, do you use Amazon.com? Please designate "Police Chaplains Ministry Fund" as your **Amazon Smile** charity, and our vital ministry will receive .5% of your purchases at NO COST TO YOU. It's a great (and painless) way to support our work.

God bless you and keep you safe!

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