

## ***From Your Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...***

This month (13 FEB), we mark the one-year anniversary of **Commander Paul Bauer's** murder. As I stated clearly at his funeral Mass, Paul's life wasn't "given," as so many outlets stated. It was TAKEN. It was STOLEN from his family and us by a four-time convicted felon who should have NEVER been on the street.



The name of Paul's murderer will be forgotten over time. But Paul Bauer's name, his wife Erin, daughter Grace, and his rich legacy will ALWAYS be remembered.

Memorial cards from Paul's funeral (and all of our recent LOD funerals) are available for download from our website ([ChicagoPCM.org/memorial\\_cards.php](http://ChicagoPCM.org/memorial_cards.php)). If you'd like one mailed to you, just let me know...my contact info is below.

Between four line-of-duty deaths and a handful of suicides, 2018 was a tough year for CPD. I continue to pray that 2019 is a better year for our department.

I'm not alone in that prayer: we continue to celebrate Blue Masses, most recently at **St. Barnabas** in Beverly. THANK YOU to our host parishes, the Emerald Society, the Pipes and Drums of CPD, the CPD Honor Guard, and all officers/retirees/families present at each Mass. Let us continue to pray for each other, and for peace in our city and nation!

As Election Day nears, I am also praying for new police-friendly leadership in the ward where I live. If you happen to also live in the **33rd Ward**, you'll undoubtedly agree with your neighbors that change is sorely needed. Please remember to vote on 26 FEB!

Conversely, if you live in the **19th Ward**, then you know your alderman, Matt O'Shea, is a GREAT friend of the police. He sits on the Board of Directors of Police Chaplains Ministry.

The folks in the 19th Ward are blessed to have **Alderman Matt O'Shea** represent them, and we need to ensure he remains in office.

A **Suicide Awareness and Prevention Seminar** will be held Thursday, 21 FEB, in Oak Brook. It is being hosted by the **Chicago Police Memorial Foundation**, whom you can contact for further information.

**Ash Wednesday** is 06 MAR. In keeping with time-honored tradition, department Chaplains will distribute blessed ashes at various locations throughout the city. The schedule will be posted in the daily bulletin and on our website.

God bless you and your family!

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