

Fr. Dan Brandt's Corner...

At last month's St. Patrick's Day party sponsored by **Brotherhood for the Fallen**, I ran into lots of friendly faces. Pictured here are (L-R) **Joe Fronczak, Nick Forrestal, Andy Cassaro, me, Brian Warner, Marty Natividad, Mary O'Callaghan and Kevin Leahy**. Congratulations to Nick, Andy, Marty and Mary, members of recruit class 97-1A, who that evening were celebrating their 20th anniversary on the job!



Thank you to all who planned and executed our most recent **Police Suicide Awareness and Prevention Seminar**, held this past month in Oak Brook. These necessary opportunities are made possible through a grant from Motorola Corporation and the hard work of the **Chicago Police Memorial Foundation**.

Easter is around the corner... On 16 APR (as on all holidays), the regular police Mass at Mercy Home (1140 W. Jackson Blvd.) is pushed up to 10:00 a.m. All CPD members and families are welcome, regardless of creed. The police Mass is always kept under 30 minutes for those who would like to attend during their lunch break. Palm Sunday (09 APR) and 23 APR Masses will be at the usual time of 11:00 a.m.



Planning ahead...**Mother's Day** is Sunday, 14 MAY. Bring Mom to the police Mass that morning (again noting the 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.



St. Jude Police League stickers are available from your district/unit St. Jude League representative. A donation of \$7.00 per sticker is requested. Buy some for your friends' and family members' cars! Funds raised benefit a host of worthy charities, and make possible the ministry of St. Jude Chaplains who lead prayer services at CPD family wakes. For more information about obtaining your sticker, or if you don't know who your rep is, please contact me.

I hope to see you at the **annual St. Jude March**. **This year it is scheduled for Sunday, 07 MAY**, at the usual spot near the Chicago Police Memorial and Park.

Finally, I'd like to tell you about a police-loving auto service center on the northwest side: Bill Senchuk of **Cosmetic Auto** (6166 N. Northwest Hwy) has proven time and again--to me and many others--how much their shop appreciates CPD. Drop in with your personal car for a free wash and spring inspection. You can find this and many other police-owned and police-friendly businesses on our website's "Links" page. *We need to support those who wholeheartedly support CPD!*

God bless you and your most noble vocation. Know always that you are doing God's work!

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