

Fr. Dan Brandt's Corner...

Some of the younger CPD members have organized a fundraiser to support our cause: pastoral care and 24/7 crisis ministry to active and retired members of the Chicago Police Department....as well as our constant attention to CPD's beloved Gold Star Families. Join us Thursday, **20 JUL**, 6-9 pm at **The Rabbit Hole**: 1208 N. Wells Street. A \$40 donation gets you admission, food, drink, entertainment and great company. The event will likely sell out, so please contact Detective Gia DiVito, our organizer, to secure your tickets: Gia.DiVito@ChicagoPolice.org.



The inaugural **Jacob Manning Schmitz Golf Outing** is set for Saturday, 22 JUL, with a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. The son of retired Deputy Chief Leo Schmitz, Jake passed away last year after a courageous battle with Leukemia. Proceeds from this outing will fund a scholarship set up in Jake's name at Brother Rice High School. Whether you're an avid or amateur golfer, you can have a good time while supporting a great cause. For more information, please contact Jim O'Grady at 312-296-1157.



Plans for the **Police Married Couples' Retreat** are coming along..."Eight Habits of a Successful Marriage." Active or retired, if you would like to learn tools proven to strengthen individuals and relationships, join us Sweetest Day weekend (20-22 OCT 2017) at a resort and spa in nearby Itasca. A \$550 donation per couple covers lodging, food and retreat curriculum. Please contact Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis to reserve your spot: 312-771-6638 or Kimberly.LewisDavis@ChicagoPolice.org.

Mark your calendar... in addition to our regular 2nd and 4th Sunday 11:00 a.m. Masses at Mercy Home, **BLUE MASSES** will be celebrated Sunday, 15 OCT, 11:30 a.m. at St. James Parish (29th and Wabash), and Sunday, 29 OCT, 10:00 a.m. at St. Thecla Parish (Devon, east of Harlem).

As a reminder of who is really in the driver's seat (as much as we like to think we're in control), I close with a prayer shared by CPD member Dave Haynes:

Lord, God: I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me, and I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know the person in the mirror. And the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

BUT, I believe that the desire to please you, does in fact please you--and I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing. I also know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right road although I may know nothing about it.

Therefore, I trust you always--though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. Still I fear no evil for you are ever with me and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Amen!

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