

## **Fr. Dan Brandt's Corner...**

We recently hosted hundreds of **Gold Star Family** members on our 22nd annual luncheon/sightseeing cruise aboard the *Spirit of Chicago*. A great time was had by all those who have lost a loved one in the line of duty. Thank you to our generous supporters who help make this day a reality. Together, we remind these good folks that their sacrifice is NEVER forgotten!



Thanks, also, to the parishioners of **St. Juliana Catholic Church** in Edison Park who recently hosted a **Blue Mass** honoring CPD and those who have died in the line of service. Many members of this large parish are CPD members, and appreciated our special Mass AND the participation of the **Emerald Society** and **Chicago Police Honor Guard**. Never more than now have those in law enforcement needed the prayers and support of the taxpaying citizens who appreciate your God-ordained work!



In addition to our regular second- and fourth-Sunday Masses, we celebrate a special **Fathers' Day Mass** at Gold Star Memorial and Park at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, 18 JUN. Being an outdoor venue, if the weather looks questionable, please call (773) 550-2369 that morning to make sure the Mass is on. You are welcome to bring chairs or a blanket...and even a picnic lunch for after Mass.

**St. Michael League Masses** are also offered on the third Tuesday of each month, 6pm, at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Evergreen Park, and the fourth Sunday of each month, 10am, at Monastery of the Holy Cross in Bridgeport.

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 cancer. 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](mailto:Kimberly.LewisDavis@ChicagoPolice.org).

Finally, THANK YOU to members of the **Father Perez Knights of Columbus Council** on 111th Street for hosting a sports trivia night fundraiser for Police Chaplains Ministry. Over \$1,200 was raised and lots of sports fans came out for a fun evening. We are grateful for the support of all our generous donors, without whom our vital ministry could not be accomplished.

God bless you,

*Fr. Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain*

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