

From Your Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...

Last month on weekly rounds in the districts, I ran into **PO Shannon Torres** at the scene of a motorcycle crash in 018. It was a reminder for four-wheeled motorists to watch out for motorcycles, and for bikers to be extra careful!



Despite going from call to call to call, Shannon keeps an infectious smile on her face. She represents the newest of our members...please join me in praying for them: that they remain safe, keep up the great work, and never lose their contagious positive attitude!

Also last month... on October 20th, I enjoyed an evening with the **Asian-American Law Enforcement Association**. You'll see here from that evening Cook County



Judge Diann Marsalek, who swore in new leaders of the organization...along with CPD member Tom Walsh (019), and Asian-American Law Enforcement Association President Ronald Bongat. Terrific entertainment was

complimented by a delicious ten-course meal...which brings me to my next point.

The Chaplains Section will host a **Spin Class** for CPD members 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 host 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.

Later this month Police Chaplains Ministry hosts our **Gold Star Families** for a holiday dinner on the Club Level at Soldier Field. This is a wonderful evening indeed, and a chance for families who have lost a loved one in the line of duty to spend time together.

Letters were sent out last month to supporters on our mailing list, soliciting financial support for the evening. If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation to help fund this event, feel free to mail your check to Police Chaplains Ministry, 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago 60607. You can also donate online through our website: www.ChicagoPCM.org. **Thank you for helping us to remind Gold Star Families that they and their loved ones are NEVER FORGOTTEN!**

Do you live in the **33rd Ward**? If so (as do I), I hope you'll consider voting for **Joel Zawko**, who has impressed me with his steadfast support of law enforcement. Joel is a successful businessman...not a career politician or child thereof. Change would be incredibly healthy in this ward, so if you live here, I encourage you to support someone who supports the police: www.JoelForThe33rd.com.



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.

For your holiday shopping convenience, take a look at the "[Merchandise](#)" page on our website. There, in addition to challenge coins, you'll find reasonably-priced t-shirts, lapel pins, umbrellas, mugs and tumblers.

God bless you and keep you safe!

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