

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



On a recent overnight tour of the districts, we came across crime-fighting duo Jeff Kriv and Becky Strocchio at Roosevelt and Ashland (in 012). Keep up the great work, Jeff and Becky...with you

two out there, criminals don't stand a chance!

Thanks to all who attended the Blue Masses last month at St. Juliana and St. Thecla, both on the northwest side. If your parish/pastor would like to host a Blue Mass, please let me know!

Queen of Martyrs Parish at 103rd and Central Park is hosting a blue Mass on Sunday, 17 NOV, at 9:30 a.m. Please join us as we again pray for and with our first responders, active and retired!

On Sunday, 19 NOV, we mark the one-year anniversary of **PO Samuel Jimenez's** death at Mercy Hospital. He will be remembered in a special way at the police Mass the following Sunday (24 NOV), 11:00 am. To accommodate anticipated crowds, we will celebrate this Mass at the FOP Hall.



Sam's memorial card--and many others--can be downloaded from our website: [www.ChicagoPCM.org](http://www.ChicagoPCM.org).

Later that week we will celebrate a special **Thanksgiving Day Mass** at 10:00 a.m. at Mercy Home, 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard (note the change in Mass time for the holiday).

Next 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. Sadly, as you know, we added four members to this club last year.

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](http://www.ChicagoPCM.org). **Thank you for helping us to remind Gold Star Families that they and their loved ones are NEVER FORGOTTEN!**

Also next month, in addition to our usual 2nd/4th Sunday Masses at 11:00 a.m. at Mercy Home, we will celebrate a Christmas morning Mass at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome!

Finally, I leave you with an interesting take on policing, as given to me in a text message from a long-time department member:



*"So many chapters in the life we live as policemen...and no two are the same. The highs, the lows, and the in-betweens are like being in a washing machine: you never know which way you'll be pushed or pulled. You just hope and pray that in the end, you come out clean!"*

God bless you and keep you clean and safe as you do His work!

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