



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

Thank you to the good people of Queen of Martyrs Parish at 103rd and Central Park for hosting a Blue Mass last month. The CPD Honor Guard and Pipes and Drums of the Emerald Society participated, making the Mass all the more meaningful. As hundreds did that Sunday, let us all continue to pray for one another during these difficult times!





I received an email from Mark Rogers, one of the attendees at the Mass. Some of his words will, no doubt, resonate with you...

Some of the message I heard at today's Mass really hit home for me. I truly do enjoy my job, and who I work for. But sometimes when I come home after a difficult tour because of the psychological warfare and sometimes physical interaction we have to put up with, I ask myself, "Is it worth it, having to put up with this crap?"

Today's Mass made me realize that what we in law enforcement do IS INDEED worth putting up with all the headaches. Our efforts DO matter and are needed. There were other things said at Mass that made me think more deeply about my faith. I am so thankful

that my wife and I were able to attend today's Mass.

If you'd like your church to host a blue Mass/service, please have your pastor reach out to me. We'd be honored to accommodate, no matter your faith tradition.

I write this column on 28 NOV, the day I buried a friend: retired Sgt. Pat Scanlan. His wife is also a retired supervisor, and two of his kids are on the job. They are an amazing family. Pat died from complications of this crazy virus we're all trying to avoid. May he and all our departed brothers and sisters rest in peace.

On 17 DEC, we commemorate the two-year anniversary of the untimely and terribly unfortunate deaths of Officers Conrad Gary and Eduardo Marmolejo. On that awful night, when many of us didn't go to bed, I was exceedingly proud of

our Department (and our exempt leaders, who relieved the front line to take care of our sacred work on the train tracks).

May Conrad and Eddie rest in peace...and may their families continue to heal, confident that their sacrifice will NEVER be forgotten.

Theirs and many other memorial cards may be downloaded from our website. If you'd prefer to have any cards mailed to you, simply email or call me.

Finally, thank YOU for supporting our vital work as we support yours! God bless you and keep you—and your family—healthy and safe.

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