



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

Happy Spring! At this time of year, Christian, Jewish, and Muslim faith followers celebrate Easter, Passover, and Ramadan. These joyful springtime rituals—combined with flowers blooming, trees budding, and grass turning green—can bring about spiritual renewal. Lord knows we all need some of this right now!!



As the weather warms up and we look to soak up some scenic nature, Chaplain Joe Jackson will return to organizing regular BIKING WITH THE CHAPLAINS trips to different locations throughout the city and surrounding areas. Come explore God's beautiful creation while getting some fresh air and enjoying each other's company. For scheduling and location information, please email [Joseph.Jackson@ChicagoPolice.org](mailto:Joseph.Jackson@ChicagoPolice.org).



During this season of contemplation and renewal, many try to pray more intentionally. So, just a reminder: every Friday at 1:00 p.m. the Chaplains Section continues to facilitate a Bible study/prayer/faith-sharing group at the police academy. No matter your faith tradition, ALL are welcome to these brief Christian-based gatherings.

A similar (though more intimate in size) non-denominational Christian prayer opportunity is offered every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Public Safety Headquarters.

And Muslim Jumma prayers are offered every Friday at 1:00 p.m. in room 202 of the academy.



To confirm times, or if you'd like more information, please email [Joseph.Jackson@ChicagoPolice.org](mailto:Joseph.Jackson@ChicagoPolice.org), [Kimberly.LewisDavis@ChicagoPolice.org](mailto:Kimberly.LewisDavis@ChicagoPolice.org), or [Hysni.Selenica@ChicagoPolice.org](mailto:Hysni.Selenica@ChicagoPolice.org).

JOIN US!! In addition to our regular 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Masses at Mercy Home (11:00 a.m. at 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard), we'll gather for **Mass on Easter Sunday (17 APR) at 10:00 a.m. (note the difference in time for the holiday)**. The inside scoop is that the Easter bunny may make an appearance!! Dogs are

welcome too! So that social distancing can be observed, we gather in the indoor soccer field rather than the chapel. More information can be found on the “Police Masses” link at [www.ChicagoPCM.org](http://www.ChicagoPCM.org)

That same website, as well as our FaceBook page, features LOTS of helpful information and resources for you and your families.

Thank God, we return to holding a live St. Jude March. See you on Museum Campus Drive for 8:00 a.m. step-off on Sunday, 01 MAY 2022.

On 21 MAR 2022, newly-promoted Detective Sarah Lombardi was sworn in along with 97 other new detectives. Congratulations on your promotion...now get out there and solve some crimes!





Our new challenge coins feature St. Michael the Archangel on the front and the chaplains' star on the back. The coins can be purchased at the FOP store, the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation store at police headquarters, or on the [Police Chaplains Ministry website's merchandise page](#).

Finally, next month is police memorial month. Safe travels to all who are returning to the annual ritual of paying respects in Springfield and Washington. For all our fallen heroes, let us pray: ***Eternal rest grant unto them, oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.***

God bless you as you continue to do God's work. Please stay safe and healthy!

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