



The Knoxville Blue Mass



September 29, 2004
6:45 am

Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Knoxville

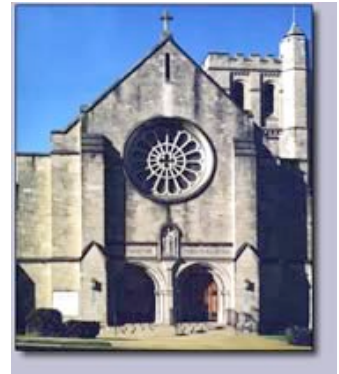
A "Blue Mass" is a Mass celebrated for the spiritual intentions of police and firefighters.

The Blue Mass dates back to 1934 in Washington, DC. While the Blue Mass is a common tradition in the Northeast United States, it has more recently been extended throughout the U.S. Particularly in the wake of September 11th, 2001, the Blue Mass is a way to honor and recognize the sacrifice of police and firefighters, and to remember those who have given their lives in service to their communities.

Fr. Xavier Mankel, Vicar General of the Diocese of Knoxville and Pastor of Holy Ghost Catholic Church has graciously agreed to host the Mass, and the Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D., Bishop of Knoxville, will be the celebrant. Deacon Jim Lawson, Chaplain for the Knox County Sheriff's Office and Knoxville Police Department, will be the homilist.

The Mass will be followed by a breakfast at Holy Ghost Church.

St. Michael is the patron saint of law enforcement personnel. The Feast of Sts Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael (the Archangels) is celebrated on September 29th in the Roman Catholic Liturgical calendar.



Holy Ghost Catholic Church
Corner of Baxter & Central Avenue,
Knoxville, TN



Knights of Columbus Council 645

PO Box 1142, Knoxville TN 37901,
<http://www.kornet.org/kc645>,
kc645@kornet.org

*St. Florian,
patron saint of
firefighters*

