



## Pray for our Police at the Blue Mass

Thursday, September 29th • 7:00 PM

Join us this Thursday, September 29th, at 7:00 p.m. for our celebration of Michaelmas, our Blue Mass, in honor of St. Michael the Archangel and his compatriots, Gabriel and Raphael.

This is traditionally a Mass wherein we also honor those who protect us, police officers, firemen, public safety officials, and first responders.

The tradition began in the U.S. in 1934, when Fr. Thomas Dade of the Archdiocese of Baltimore formed the Catholic Police and Fireman's Society, and celebrated the first Blue Mass for police officers and firemen that year.

Come pray for the safety of our policemen and women and all those who are on the front lines in these perilous times. We will have a visiting priest, Fr. Daniel Ketter, who will celebrate the Mass.



*Head Start Pre-K School Christmas Party  
Second Collection October 8th/9th*

This will be the 18th year the St. Vincent de Paul Society has had the privilege to host a Christmas celebration for the children enrolled in the Head Start Pre-K School in Pickens County. This year's event will be held on Thursday, December 15th for 110 children (53 boys, 57 girls). We give each child a bag full of gifts, including books along with flash cards; a hat and gloves; pencils, crayons, toiletries; and a fun girl/boy-appropriate gift. The day is topped off with a visit from Santa Claus along with a photo of each child and Santa together. This is truly an event they will never forget and could well be the highlight of their Christmas! Funds permitting, we make donations to the school for hard-covered books or funding for the school library. The weekend of October 8th/9th, the second collection will be for the party, which cost over \$4000 last year and, we might add, was a tremendous success. It could not have been done without your help. Please be generous!