

**\*\*MEDIA ALERT\*\***

**Blue Mass to Honor Public Safety Officials throughout Central Florida**

- WHO:** Bishop John Noonan, priests of the Diocese of Orlando, public safety officials, students  
–public is invited to attend
- WHAT:** Blue Mass, a celebration of the work of public safety officials and emergency responders
- WHEN:** September 29, 12:10 p.m.
- WHERE:** Cathedral of St. James, 215 N. Orange Avenue, downtown Orlando
- CONTACT:** Teresa Peterson, 407-432-1974

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

Bishop John Noonan invites you to the Diocese of Orlando's 10<sup>th</sup> annual Blue Mass on September 29, the Feast Day of St. Michael the Archangel, Patron Saint of Public Safety Personnel.

Let us join our voices in prayer for the safety of our dedicated officials who put their lives in harm's way for the good of our community. The annual Blue Mass is a celebration of faith honoring the dedicated men and women in law enforcement, fire/rescue and public safety who serve our communities throughout Central Florida. A reception will follow in the Parish Center adjacent to the Church.

During the Blue Mass, which includes a bagpipe and color guard procession, we honor not only those dressed in blue—but all men and women who serve as law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency personnel.

Please arrive early as available parking is limited.

*Agencies Expected to be Represented:*

FBI  
Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Florida Highway Patrol  
Knights of Columbus Honor Guard  
Maitland Police Department  
New York City Police Department, 1013 Police Association  
New York City Fire Department, 911 Foundation  
Office of the State Attorney, 9th Circuit  
Orange County Fire Department  
Orange County Sheriff's Office  
Orlando Police Department  
Oviedo Police Department  
Titusville Police Department  
Winter Park Police Department

Additional information:

Large American flag to be displayed from fire truck outside of St. James Cathedral.

This is the first time Bishop John Noonan will be celebrating the Blue Mass.

Free parking is available on the corner of Orange Avenue and West Robinson Street. Arrive early since parking is limited.