

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## Gloversville Council #265



is hosting a BLUE Mass on  
Friday, September 28, 2018 at 8:30am  
at The Church of The Holy Spirit in Gloversville.



Please join us at this special Mass  
as we honor, pray for, and bless  
our local Police, Fire, EMS, and  
Correctional Officers for the  
services that they provide to our  
communities and families.

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## WHAT IS A BLUE MASS?

A Blue Mass was first held on September 29, 1934 when a Catholic Priest named Thomas Dade started the service as part of his duties with the Catholic Police and Fireman's Society. The Mass was held at

St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Washington, D.C. for about 1,100 police and firemen, all dressed in blue uniforms, giving the Mass its name. The Blue Mass has since grown into a nationwide celebration. Local communities gather to celebrate and thank those who serve their community as policemen and women, firefighters, correctional officers, and EMS responders, as well as to offer prayers to God during the Holy Mass, for their continued protection.

## WHY IS A BLUE MASS HELD ON/NEAR SEPTEMBER 29?

Every year in the Catholic Church Liturgical Calendar, September 29 is the feast day of Saint Michael the Archangel, the patron saint of police officers.

## DO YOU HAVE TO BE CATHOLIC TO ATTEND?

All are welcome to attend Mass. You can bring your spouse, and family, as well as extend this invitation to any former first responders who have retired from their job. The Blue Mass is also a Memorial Mass. Widows and their families are invited and encouraged to attend the Blue Mass in Gloversville.



*Church of The Holy Spirit  
151 South Main Street  
Gloversville, NY*