

## St. Michael the Archangel – Pray for Us

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As the Archangel of battle and defender of Heaven, Michael is said to be the Patron Saint of policemen. Catholic Tradition has always recognized him as the protector of the Church and the angel of the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Mass. It was fitting then, for parishioners and the school community of St. Michael the Archangel Parish to join law enforcement officers from several jurisdictions in the area on September 29<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Mass on the Feast Day of St. Michael and the Archangels.

Fr. Raymond Fecteau, a longtime chaplain to police officers, celebrated the Mass and student safety patrols served on the altar. Monsignor Eddie Tolentino, pastor of St. Michael's Parish, welcomed all who attended and expressed gratitude to the policemen who work so hard to protect our lives and property. Law enforcement officers from Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, the District of Columbia, and U.S. Park Police were in attendance at this annual celebration. The parishioners, students and officers, joined the school's choir singing rousing hymns to help make this a very special Feast Day.



**Photo caption:** Monsignor Tolentino gives a blessing to School Patrol Kendall Leach at the Policemen's Mass for the Feast of St. Michael