

October 2, 2007 - CHURCH HOLDS SERVICE TO HONOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2007



Father Timothy Keeney leads a special blessing of law enforcement officers during evening prayer.

St. Anne Catholic Church in Bristol recently held their annual St. Michael the Archangel Evening Prayer Service honoring local, state and federal law enforcement officers. The Reverend Timothy Keeney, pastor at St. Anne's led the congregation of church members, family members and officers in praying for the safety and dedication of law enforcement personnel everywhere. Fr. Keeney noted that officers not only carried out their respective jobs, but actually "ministered" in their community.

The service opened with the posting of colors by the Bristol Virginia Sheriffs Office' Honor Guard. Prayers and music were followed by a memorial salute to the communities' fallen officers. Fr. Keeney concluded the service by inviting the congregation to join him in a special blessing of those officers present representing Bristol Virginia and Tennessee, Washington County Virginia, the Virginia State Police, Sullivan County District Attorneys Office and the FBI. Following the service a reception was hosted in the parish commons. This was the seventh annual service at St. Anne's and plans for next year are already in the works.