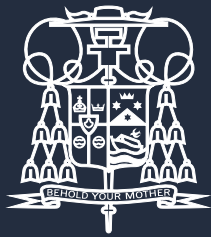


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## Prayer Group Mission: Show Support for NYPD Officers

by Paula Katinas, Senior Reporter

FAR ROCKAWAY — To demonstrate support and appreciation for New York's Finest, members of a newly formed group, called the NYPD Prayer Warriors, gather outside police precincts on Saturday mornings to pray, sing hymns, and say a heartfelt "thank you" to cops.

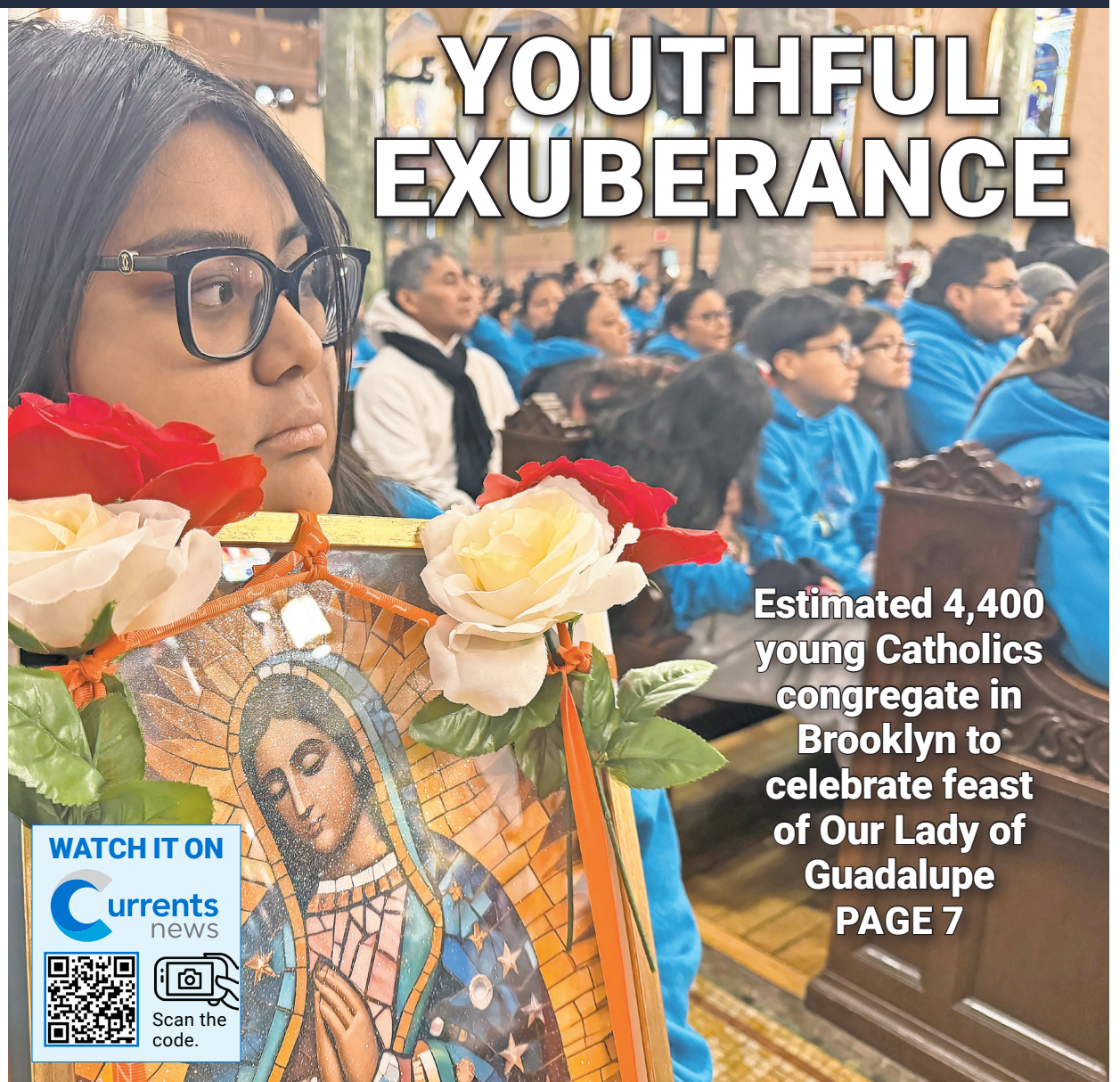
On Dec. 6, the group of civilians came to the 101st Precinct in Far Rockaway — the sixth precinct they have visited since the group was founded in November — and prayed the rosary, as well as the prayer of St. Michael the Archangel, the patron saint of police officers.

"It's important to show our officers how much we support them," said Mary Ruane, who founded the NYPD Prayer Warriors. "They're out there every day protecting us, and they don't get the support they deserve."

"They're out there for us, so we should be out here for them."

Lydia Picano, who has been at each of the prayer sessions so far, said it's the least she can do to support the city's police officers.

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## YOUTHFUL EXUBERANCE

Estimated 4,400  
young Catholics  
congregate in  
Brooklyn to  
celebrate feast  
of Our Lady of  
Guadalupe  
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A record number of people participated in two Masses celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12, including this woman who is holding an image of Mary during the morning Mass. (Photo: Jessica Easthope)



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this famous  
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