



# THE TABLET



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## Easter Marks Season of Hope In the Diocese

### 1,288 Neophytes Are Fully Initiated

by Alexandra Moyer, Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN — Faithful from across Brooklyn and Queens gathered at the Cathedral Basilica of St. James for Easter Mass on April 5, leaving many, like Halcyone Bullen-Thomas, hopeful for the future of the Church.

“It’s very inspiring. Christ has risen, and I’ve noticed there are more people attending Mass,” Bullen-Thomas said. “It’s a new season.”

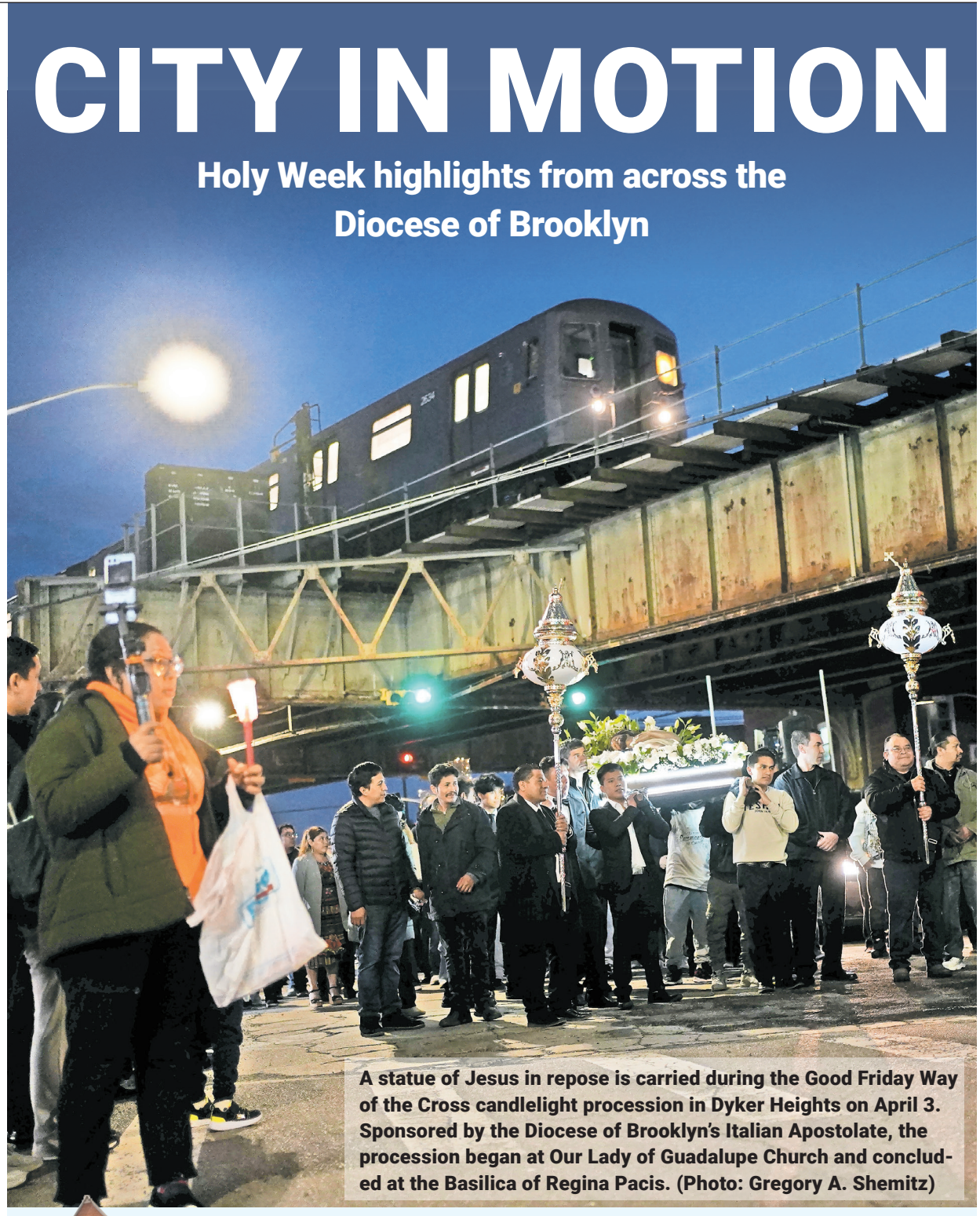
Following the Mass, Bishop Robert Brennan reflected on the size of the crowd, describing it as living proof of a renewal in the light of Christ’s resurrection.

“It’s very encouraging, and it’s a sign of what we’ve been seeing all around,” Bishop Brennan told The Tablet. “People are making their way, some making their way for the first time, some making their way back, and that’s another sign of hope.”

The Easter Mass was celebrated by Bishop Robert Brennan and concelebrated by Father Joseph Gibino, administrator of the basilica and the diocese’s vicar for evangelization and catechesis.

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**Bishop Robert Brennan joins parishioners at Our Lady of Consolation in Williamsburg to bless their Easter baskets.** (Photo: John Quaglione)



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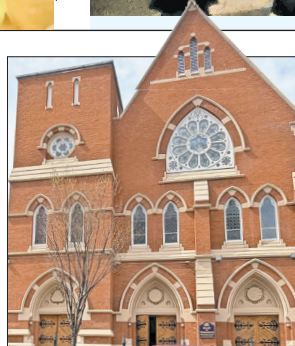
### Holy Week highlights from across the Diocese of Brooklyn

A statue of Jesus in repose is carried during the Good Friday Way of the Cross candlelight procession in Dyker Heights on April 3. Sponsored by the Diocese of Brooklyn’s Italian Apostolate, the procession began at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and concluded at the Basilica of Regina Pacis. (Photo: Gregory A. Shemitz)



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