



The Church of St. Brigid welcomes you as you seek to celebrate the Quinceañera as a way of celebrating and giving thanks to God on the 15<sup>th</sup> birthday of a young woman. Although a Quinceañera ceremony is not a sacrament, it complements the Sacraments by providing a special blessing for the young Catholic as she enters adulthood, preparing her for new responsibilities.

## **Quinceañera Ceremony Parish Policies and Procedures.**

Before making any further plans, please read the policies and procedures set below. These have been put in place based on our experiences as we seek to provide what is best for you and your family and for the Church.

1. Before making any other arrangements, you must make an appointment with a priest or a member of the Pastoral Team. No plans can be made regarding the Church without this appointment. No other plans are to be made (parties, receptions, etc.) until the date is settled in the Church. You may seek this appointment by calling 516.334.0021 or emailing maria@saintbrigid.net.
2. Quinceañera celebrations and Masses are for parishioners registered at St. Brigid's Roman Catholic Church or who live in the boundaries of the parish. Your family must be registered at St. Brigid's to request a Quinceañera ceremony.
  - a. For information about registration, please contact the Parish Office.
  - b. Exceptions may be granted by the parish's pastor ONLY.
3. Beginning in March 2026, all those seeking this celebration must enter into a process of preparation for the Quinceañera. You may do this in two ways:
  - a. The bilingual program My 15th Birthday/Mis 15 Años, published by Pauline Books and Media and available to you.
  - b. The online program Catholic Quince Prep:  
<http://www.catholicquinceprep.com>

One of these must be completed at least one month prior to the celebration. If it is not completed, the Quinceañera will be cancelled.

4. Quinceañeras must be scheduled **at least six (6) months ahead of time**. This will allow you the time to carry out the proper preparation for this special religious ceremony. This also allows the parish to make sure we set aside the time for you.

- a. The ceremony may take place separately or may take place at parish Mass (on a Saturday or Sunday, in Spanish or in English).
- b. The times for Quinceañera, if the church is free is as follows:
  - i. Fridays - 3, 4:30 or 6 p.m.
  - ii. Saturdays - 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.
  - iii. Sundays - 4 p.m.
  - iv. Times for other days may be set with the priest or pastoral staff member you meet with.

5. The Quinceañera ceremony must be simple and solemn, not elaborate or grandiose.

- a. Please note there are requirements regarding dress in the Church. The gowns worn by the Quinceañera, her court or anyone else who will be participating and present at the Mass cannot be off the shoulders, strapless, backless, transparent, or too revealing. If you are not sure if it is appropriate for Church, then it is probably better to plan not to wear.

6. This is a Catholic ceremony.

- a. When you come to your intake meeting with the priest or the member of the Pastoral Team, you must bring
  - i. A copy of the Quinceañera's baptismal certificate
    1. If this took place at St. Brigid's, we can look it up here.
  - ii. Information about where and when the Quinceañera received her First Holy Communion or a certificate if you have one.
  - iii. It is expected that the Quinceañera has received her Confirmation and should provide a copy of her certificate.
    1. If she was confirmed at St. Brigid's, we can look up that information.
    2. If she has not, she is expected to be enrolled in the parish Faith Formation program.
      - a. You can enroll in the Faith Formation program, please contact the faith formation office at 516.334.0021 or e-mail to [faithformation@saintbrigid.net](mailto:faithformation@saintbrigid.net). This registration must be completed before any date is provided for the Quinceañera ceremony.

7. A rehearsal is required for the Quinceañera, parents, godparents, the Court, and anyone else who will be participating in the Mass. This rehearsal will be set at the time of your meeting with the priest or the member of the Pastoral Team.

8. The fee/offering to the Church is \$700.00 (this includes music fees). Please consider that if you have a grand reception, in thanksgiving a greater offering should be made to the Church. The fee for music is \$125.00.

- a. The fee/offering and the music fee be made in check or cash to St. Brigid's R.C. Church and/or made online at [saintbrigid.net](http://saintbrigid.net).
- b. No other fees to the priest, musicians, etc. are expected or needed.