

The Roman Catholic Parish of
Holy Trinity Church
 Hackensack~Teaneck, New Jersey



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Gaudete Sunday of Advent

17 December 2017

Holy Trinity Church is a multiethnic community reflective of her Catholic tradition, united in one holy, catholic, and apostolic faith. Together we desire to adore the Triune God with the same reverence and devotion as do our Blessed Mother and all the saints. We invite all Catholics who have moved into the Hackensack~ Teaneck area to join us in worship and register as members of our parish. We invite those interested in becoming Catholic to visit and join us in our faith, good works and devotion.

The Lord's Day Masses~Misas

Saturday Evening (anticipated)
 5:00 PM
 Sunday
 7:00 AM; 8:15 AM (español)
 10:30 AM; 12:30 PM
 4 PM (Tagalog-2nd Sunday)
 6:30 PM (español)

Holy Days: 7 AM, 8 AM, 12:10
 7:30 PM – bilingual

Monday-Friday:
 7 AM, 8 AM, 12:10 PM

Saturday:
 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM

Penance & Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 – 4:45 PM
 or by appointment

Baptism:

Please call to arrange for your child's baptism soon after birth.

Por favor llame para registrarse a su niño para el bautismo con anticipación.

Sacraments of

Christian Initiation:

Adults and youngsters desiring to be baptized, confirmed or become a Catholic please speak to any priest or Mr. Julian Garcia.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please call for a priest to celebrate this Sacrament of Healing and Forgiveness for someone who is seriously ill or in danger of death. Do not wait until the sick person is unconscious.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

All Catholics should seek to have their marriage blessed by the Church so as to live in God's good grace & receive Eucharist. Contact a priest a year prior to the intended date of marriage to ensure proper preparation.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 AM till 8:00 PM
 Tuesday & Wednesday: 9:00 AM till 5:00 PM
 Friday: 9:00 AM till 3:00 PM
 Saturday: 1:00 PM till 6:00 PM
 Sunday: 9:00 AM till 1:00 PM

CEMETERY OFFICE: 201-342-2096

St. Joseph's Cemetery located on Hackensack Avenue offers graves, cremation niches, and mausoleums. Planning ahead saves the family much worry and anxiety.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
 Mt 1:18-25
 Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;
 Lk 1:5-25
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
 Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
 Lk 1:46-56
 Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
 Lk 1:57-66
 Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
 Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY	
5:00 PM	Mary & Nicholas Gentile
6:30 PM	Simbang Gabi
SUNDAY December 17 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
7:00 AM	Damien Owens
8:15 AM	Cesar Maruri, Jr.
10:30 AM	Margherita Pallotta
12:30 PM	Margharita Pallotta
5:00 PM	Simbang Gabi
6:30 PM	Pueblo de la Parroquia
MONDAY December 18	
7:00 AM	Sarah McHugh
8:00 AM	Albert Moran
12:10 PM	Bryan Lizalda
7:30 PM	Simbang Gabi
TUESDAY December 19	
7:00 AM	Donna M. Carpenter, 1 st Anniversary †
8:00 AM	Robert Foschini
12:10 PM	Ron Pezzillo, 6 th Anniversary †
8:15 PM	Simbang Gabi
WEDNESDAY December 20	
7:00 AM	Barbara Stroomke
8:00 AM	Enid May Nevers
12:10 PM	Thomas Osinski
7:30 PM	Simbang Gabi
THURSDAY December 21 Peter Canisius, priest	
7:00 AM	David Jones
8:00 AM	Irene & Frank Ritz
12:10 PM	John Joe Quinn
8:15 PM	Simbang Gabi
FRIDAY December 22	
7:00 AM	Patrick O'Shea
8:00 AM	Charles Pfeiffer
12:10 PM	Daniel Polifronio
7:30 PM	Simbang Gabi
SATURDAY December 23 John of Kanty, priest	
8:00 AM	Louis J. Turro, Sr.
12:10 PM	Mary Anne DiNapoli Kuratkowski
ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY	
5:00 PM	Ron Pezzillo
6:30 PM	Simbang Gabi
SUNDAY December 24 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
7:00 AM	People of the Parish
8:15 AM	En acción de Gracias a la Virgen de Guadalupe
10:30 AM	Deidre Pardal
12:30 PM	Joan F. Reinhardt
CHRISTMAS EVE - LA NOCHE BUENA	
5:00 PM	Anne Prevosto
7:00 PM	Theresa Palifrone & Mary Buonomo
11:00 PM	Intenciones de la Familia Velecela
MONDAY THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS DAY	
7:30 AM	The Kasper & Wellnitz Families
10:00 AM	People of the Parish
12:00 noon	Vita Badaluco

Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of Mary & John Lavallo

The Bread & Wine for Mass are donated in memory of Carmen Pichardo.

Our Parish Community prays for the sick:

Carol Yaner /Segundo Alvarez//Carlos Corredor, Xiomara Melo, Billy Kyle////Jose Leon, Emma Leon, Hector Martinez

**Please pray for our Faithful Departed & their loved ones:
Ines Ojeda, Gloria Patios Ramos, Christian Coronel**

**Life with Christ: The Commandments
The Fifth Commandment
"You shall not kill"**

2318 "In [God's] hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind" (Job 12:10).
 2319 Every human life, from the moment of conception until death, is sacred because the human person has been willed for its own sake in the image and likeness of the living and holy God.
 2320 The murder of a human being is gravely contrary to the dignity of the person and the holiness of the Creator.
 2321 The prohibition of murder does not abrogate the right to render an unjust aggressor unable to inflict harm. Legitimate defense is a grave duty for whoever is responsible for the lives of others or the common good.
 2322 From its conception, the child has the right to life. Direct abortion, that is, abortion willed as an end or as a means, is a "criminal" practice (GS 27 # 3), gravely contrary to the moral law. The Church imposes the canonical penalty of excommunication for this crime against human life.
 2323 Because it should be treated as a person from conception, the embryo must be defended in its integrity, cared for, and healed like every other human being.
 2324 Intentional euthanasia, whatever its forms or motives, is murder. It is gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, his Creator.
 2325 Suicide is seriously contrary to justice, hope, and charity. It is forbidden by the fifth commandment.
 2326 Scandal is a grave offense when by deed or omission it deliberately leads others to sin.
 2327 Because of the evils and injustices that all war brings with it, we must do everything reasonably possible to avoid it. The Church prays: "From famine, pestilence, and war, O Lord, deliver us."
 2328 The Church and human reason assert the permanent validity of the moral law during armed conflicts. Practices deliberately contrary to the law of nations and to its universal principles are crimes.
 2329 "The arms race is one of the greatest curses on the human race and the harm it inflicts on the poor is more than can be endured" (GS 81 # 3).
 2330 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Mt 5:9)
 Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2nd Edition. Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1997

Finance Council	Jan 03	7:30	Rectory
Knights of Columbus	Dec 19	8:00	Council Chambers
Spiritual Renewal	Dec 18	7:30	Rectory
Human Concerns	Dec 11	7:00	Convent
St. Vincent de Paul	TBA	7:00	Convent
Pastoral Council	Jan 17	7:30	Parish Hall
Amor de Dios	Lunes	7:00	Parish Hall
Rosario	Lunes	7:00	Chapel
CCC	Viernes	7:30	Parish Hall
HT Prayer Group	Thurs.	7:30	30 Maple
Fil-Am: Officers	TBA	6:00	30 Maple
Fil-Am Ministry	TBA	1:30	Parish Hall
Children's Choir	Tues	7:00	Chapel
Adult Choir	Thurs	7:00	Chapel

STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's Collection/Colecta de Domingo Pasado: \$6876.00
 Misang Pilipino: \$219.00
 Retirement Fund for Religious: \$1147.00
 Immaculate Conception 12/8/17: \$1447.00

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Are we a joyful people? If not, then we ought to be. By the very mere fact that we call ourselves followers of Christ, the child born in Bethlehem, the God sacrificed on a tree and risen to glory, we must be joy-filled. Certainly we have our own eccentricities, but putting them aside, do we strive to be joyful? Do we seek out the joys of life and put away the sadness of despair? We as Christ's followers are looking forward to eternal happiness whereas the non-believer is looking toward annihilation. Imagine living this life as if there were no eternal life. Where is hope? Where is joy? The pleasures of this world can give joy, but that joy is fleeting. When we seek joy in the things of the temporal reality, then the joy can only last as long as the pleasure or comfort, or relationship lasts. But if we seek joy in the things of heaven, then we seek what is eternal. And what is eternal endures forever.

In reality, only God is eternal, but he has invited us to be like Him and in that we find our joy. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: The Word became flesh to make us "partakers of the divine nature": "For this is why the Word became man, and the Son of God became the Son of man: so that man, by entering into communion with the Word (Jesus) and thus receiving divine sonship, might become a son of God." "For the Son of God became man so that we might become God." "The only-begotten Son of God, wanting to make us sharers in his divinity, assumed our nature, so that he, made man, might make men gods" (ccc 460).

What joy this is! We are called to be one with God, and by his grace is this possible. By his forgiveness can this be done. By his incarnation, life, death and resurrection has this been demonstrated. So my brothers and sisters, face this world with joy. Do not be afraid to love, to forgive, and to be joyful in the sight of danger, for it is God who has created us and more wondrously redeemed us, granting us eternal life in which we become sharers in his divinity.

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Phil 4:4)" for a child has been born to us who is called Emmanuel, God-with-us.

Pax Christi, Fr. Paul

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PARISH RAFFLE

FIRST PRIZE \$1000 GIFT CARD
SECOND PRIZE \$ 500 GIFT CARD
THIRD PRIZE \$ 250 GIFT CARD.

**BUY YOUR CHANCES
AT THE CHURCH DOORS.**

**IF YOU HAVE HAD THEM MAILED TO YOUR
HOME, PLEASE RETURN SOON. DRAWING IS
DECEMBER 23.**

ATTENTION READERS & COMMUNION MINISTERS

Sign-up Sheets are on the counter in the Narthex (church foyer). Please volunteer to serve for the holy day Masses.

Christmas Eve: 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Christmas Day: 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM, & 12:00 PM

Mother of God (Jan 1st): 10:30 AM,

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Call 973-313-6190 or see one of the Priests.

Women's Religious Life

Contact Sr. Theresia Maria at
holtstcg@rcan.org

Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.

— Mark 1:3

Sanctity of Life

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

For post-abortive healing, confidential help, & info call:
Newark Respect Life Office (973) 497-4350 or via e-mail
rileyche@rcan.org or www.Rachelsvineyard.org

SPIRITUAL LIFE
LA VIDA ESPIRITUAL

COME, PRAY WITH US

Holy Trinity Prayer Group - charismatic prayer every Thursday at 7:30 PM at 30 Maple

Adoration - every first Friday from 12:30 to 10:00 PM

"I PLACE MUCH OF MY HOPE FOR THE FUTURE IN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER" (St. John Paul II).

The Holy Father invited all married couples to experience the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, which is a fantastic gift of the Catholic Church. For more information call Contact Mike and Janet Turco at 973 427-7016 or 609 335 6880 or email njwwme@peoplepc.com for more information.

MILITARY FAMILIES, are you getting ready to deploy? Is your family trying to reconnect after deployment? Marriage Encounter offers tools of communication that have kept many military marriages strong and happy throughout the ups and downs of military service. Contact your local chaplain or call 973 427-7016 for more information.

SPECIAL NOON MASS

A special mass and a support group meeting for all who are affected by the disease of alcoholism will take place at Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place, Closter, NJ on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 12:00 noon.

Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of not only the man/woman directly affected with the abuse of alcohol and/or drugs, but also for anyone involved in the life of the alcoholic or drug addict. For information please call 201-768-7565. At this mass will be asking for donations of any clothing but especially coats and packages of socks. Thank you and have a Blessed Christmas.

**Benedictine Center of St Walburga Monastery,
Elizabeth, NJ**

A New Year's Eve Retreat for Women

4 PM Sunday eve until 1 PM Monday.

Join others to begin the New Year with prayer and reflection. \$60. For info and registration contact Sr Marita, 908-353-3028; maritaosb@aol.com

"The Annual Thomas Merton Retreat"

Read and reflect on the writings of this Trappist monk who combined contemplation with deep concern for the world..

February 3 from 9 AM-3:30 PM.

\$35 for the day, lunch included.

February 2-4 Spend the weekend, . \$135.

For information and registration contact Sr Marita, 908-353-3028; maritaosb@aol.com

Tickets are \$5.00 each with a chance for a door prize. Tricky Tray drawing will start at 12:30 pm.

IN THE COMMUNITY
EN LA COMUNIDAD

A Ministry to those Seeking an Annulment

Lynn Berhalter is a **Pastoral Advocate** for those seeking a marriage annulment. Call Lynn on the 2nd or 4th Thursday of the month from 2:00-4:00 PM at 201-343-5170.

**Free Singing Lessons for Men
Teaneck Blue Chip
Barbershop Chorus**

Open to men, young and old, who like to sing.

When: Wednesday, January 10 at 7:30 PM for 6 weeks.

Where: Richard Rodda Rec Center, 250 Colonial Court, Teaneck

Register: Call Paul at 201-913-9272, leave a message

Who: No experience needed. Team of directors with years of voice training.

Why: Learn to sing for your church choir or other events.

Visit the Nativity

In the basement, Fr. Jose and his crew have completed the *Presepio* (crib). It is from an Italian tradition that parishes construct the panoramic Nativity scene. It has become like a competition between parishes. Come down and see this magnificent piece of religious artistry.

CORRECTION:

Masses on Christmas Day are:

7:30 AM

10:00 AM

12:00 noon

Christmas Joy Concert

Today at 3:00 PM

December 17, 2017

Holy Trinity Church



Featuring
Lucia Wehr & Friends
The Children's Choir

Christmas Schedule A.D. 2017

Confessions - Confesiones
Monday 12/18 at 7-7:30 PM Lunes

Christmas Joy Concert: Sunday, Dec 17 at 3:00 PM

La Novena – 7:30 PM en el Centro Parroquial
16-23 de diciembre

Novena in honor of the Blessed Mother - Church
(Simbang Gabi)

December 15, 18, 20, 22 at 7:30 PM
December 16 & 23 at 6:30 PM; Dec 17 at 5:00 PM
December 19 & 21 at 8:15 PM

Christmas Eve – La Noche Buena
Sunday, December 24
5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 11:00 PM (español)

Christmas Day – La Navidad
Monday, December 25
* 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM *

Solemnity of the Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation - Dia de Precepto
Solemnidad de la Madre de Dios
Monday, January 1, 2017
10:30 AM
12:30 PM (español)

Donald Hill

Seton Hall Scholarship

Any parishioner going to Seton Hall is eligible for a grant to attend Seton Hall University. If you are attending or plan to attend please come to the rectory and get an application.
Fr. Paul

We treasure in this life a fleeting shadow-how soon to vanish! Oh! let us fix the eyes upward.

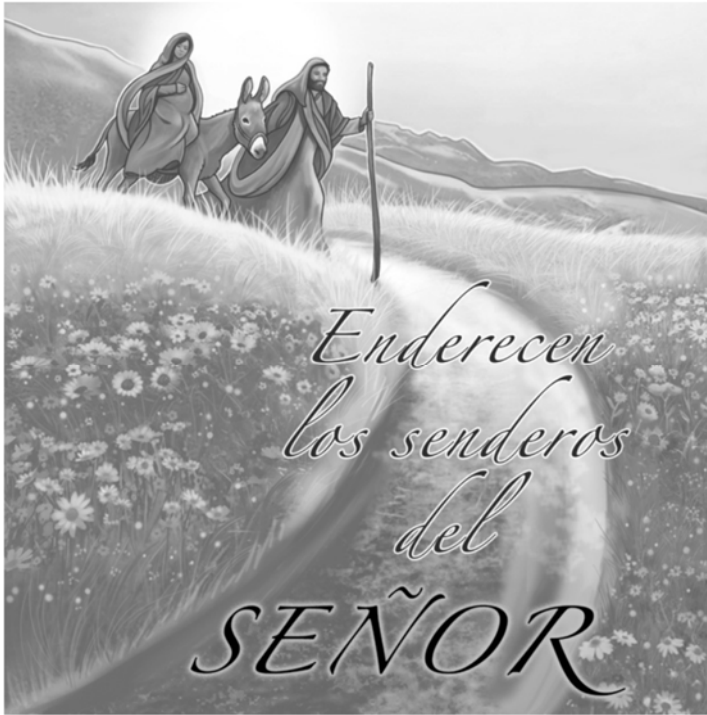
—St. Elizabeth Seton

Making Those Funeral Arrangements

Planning or even thinking about one's own funeral is unpleasant and therefore something we tend to push far out of our minds. When the time finally comes it leaves the family stressed and overwhelmed by all the decisions they must make. You can relieve some of this stress for your loved ones by planning your Funeral Liturgy (Mass of Christian Burial). Lynn Berhalter would like to assist you in choosing the Scriptures to be read at your funeral Mass according to the archdiocesan guidelines. She can also help you choose the hymns that will add to the solemnity of your Mass. This is simple to do and it helps fulfill your wishes and eases your families' burden. Make an appointment to see Lynn at the rectory to get started.

Your plans will be kept on file at Holy Trinity Church and may be amended anytime if you wish. Planning ahead ensures your family that the readings and music you desired are carried out and they need not worry. It is a beautiful final gesture, a gift to those who grieve. Call 201-343-5170 now and make your appointment.

¿QUE PASA?



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¡ALÉGRATE!

¡Isaías realmente nos proclama una buena nueva! La venida del Señor no trae tristeza, culpa, miedo, ira ni condena. No, la venida del Señor es fuente de júbilo y consuelo. No basta con decirlo una vez, las lecturas de hoy están llenas de júbilo. El Magníficat de María reemplaza a nuestro salmo hoy y nuestra segunda lectura nos anima a alegrarnos, dar gracia y rendir alabanza. Éste es el significado principal de la palabra griega para eucaristía. Se nos insta a alegrarnos y dar gracias, porque la venida del Señor trae júbilo, curación, libertad, perdón y vindicación. ¡Hace que la tierra eche brotes de vida nueva! ¡Buenas noticias!

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PAZ INTERIOR

Adquiere paz interior, y una muchedumbre a tu alrededor encontrará su salvación.

—San Serafín

LOS SACRAMENTOS DE LA FE

El Sacramento de Reconciliación: El sábado a las 4-4:45 PM o por cita.

El Sacramento del Bautismo: Por favor llame para registrarse a su niño para el bautismo con anticipación.

Los Sacramentos de Iniciación: Adultos (aquellos tienen 12 años o más) que buscan el bautismo o confirmación debe preguntar acerca de RCIA o Catequesis de Adultos con el Padre.

El Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos: Por favor llame a sacerdote a celebrar este sacramento de sanación y perdón para alguien que está enfermo gravemente. Favor de no esperar hasta que el enfermo este inconsciente.

El Sacramento del Matrimonio: Las parejas deben contactar a un sacerdote con un año de anterioridad a la fecha deseada del matrimonio. Es un pecado grave no casarse sin el Sacramento o la permisión del obispo.

Vida con Cristo: Los Mandamientos El Quinto Mandamiento

«No matarás» (Ex 20, 13).

2318 “Dios [...] tiene en su mano el alma de todo ser viviente y el soplo de toda carne de hombre” (Jb 12, 10).

2319 Toda vida humana, desde el momento de la concepción hasta la muerte, es sagrada, pues la persona humana ha sido amada por sí misma a imagen y semejanza del Dios vivo y santo.

2320 Causar la muerte a un ser humano es gravemente contrario a la dignidad de la persona y a la santidad del Creador.

2321 La prohibición de causar la muerte no suprime el derecho de impedir que un injusto agresor cause daño. La legítima defensa es un deber grave para quien es responsable de la vida de otro o del bien común.

2322 Desde su concepción, el niño tiene el derecho a la vida. El aborto directo, es decir, buscado como un fin o como un medio, es una práctica infame (cf GS 27), gravemente contraria a la ley moral. La Iglesia sanciona con pena canónica de excomunión este delito contra la vida humana.

2323 Porque ha de ser tratado como una persona desde su concepción, el embrión debe ser defendido en su integridad, atendido y cuidado médicamente como cualquier otro ser humano.

2324 La eutanasia voluntaria, cualesquiera que sean sus formas y sus motivos, constituye un homicidio. Es gravemente contraria a la dignidad de la persona humana y al respeto del Dios vivo, su Creador.

2325 El suicidio es gravemente contrario a la justicia, a la esperanza y a la caridad. Está prohibido por el quinto mandamiento.”

2326 El escándalo constituye una falta grave cuando por acción u omisión se induce deliberadamente a otro a pecar.”

2327 A causa de los males y de las injusticias que ocasiona toda guerra, debemos hacer todo lo que es razonablemente posible para evitarla. La Iglesia implora así: “del hambre, de la peste y de la guerra, libranos Señor”.

2328 La Iglesia y la razón humana afirman la validez permanente de la ley moral durante los conflictos armados. Las prácticas deliberadamente contrarias al derecho de gentes y a sus principios universales son crímenes.

2329 “La carrera de armamentos es una plaga gravísima de la humanidad y perjudica a los pobres de modo intolerable” (GS 81).

2330 “Bienaventurados los que construyen la paz, porque ellos serán llamados hijos de Dios” (Mt 5, 9).

Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, 2ª Edición.
Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1997

Ven y Ora con Nosotros

Hora Santa - Todos los viernes a las 6:30 PM en la iglesia

Adoración - El primer viernes de la mes desde las 12:30 hasta las 10:00 PM en la capilla

CCC - Una hora de reflexión de la Biblia cada viernes a las 7:30 PM en Salón Parroquial de Sor Emily Walsh

Amor de Dios - Grupo de Oración todos los lunes a las 7:00 PM en Salón Parroquial de Sor Emily Walsh

El Rosario - Todos los lunes a las 7:00 PM en la capilla.

REGISTRARSE COMO FELIGRÉS

Ventajas del Registro

1. Elegibilidad para ser un padrino o madrina
2. Las tarifas de feligrés para bodas y escuelas
3. Prueba de residencia para la inmigración y una recomendación positiva del párroco que Ud. contribuye a la sociedad y la iglesia.
4. Recibir los sobres para que pueda contribuir al bienestar de su parroquia.

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