

# SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



*Sacred Heart Church  
27 Harper Street  
Stamford,  
NY 12167*



*St. Philip Neri  
Mission Church  
60676 NY-30,  
Grand Gorge,  
NY 12474*



## DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### RECTORY AND PARISH OFFICE

27 Harper Street  
Stamford, NY 12167  
(607) 652 – 7170

### Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
9:30am – 12:00pm  
12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Visit us: [www.sacredheartstamford.org](http://www.sacredheartstamford.org)  
Parish email: SHStamfo@rcda.org

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Registration: Parents are asked to register at the Parish Office at least two months before the date of Baptism.  
Ceremony: Baptisms are celebrated on Saturdays at 4:30 pm.

### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements for weddings should be made at least six months prior to the marriage.

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the Rectory - (607) 652 – 7170

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SHC in Stamford - Friday @ 11:00 am &  
Saturday @ 3:30 pm  
SPN in Grand Gorge - before Sunday Mass  
Anytime by appointment.

### PRIEST:

Rev. Paul J. Mijas - (607) 652 – 7170  
Emergency *ONLY* - (845) 586 – 2665

**SECRETARY:** Mrs. Delia Szyplski

### TRUSTEES:

Mrs. Carole Trotta  
Mr. Al Martel

### FAITH FORMATION DIRECTOR:

Mrs. Joanne McLaughlin - (607)437-4923

### MUSIC MINISTRY:

Mr. Richard Tucker / SHC - [rtucker@catskill.net](mailto:rtucker@catskill.net)  
Mrs. Edie Mesick / SPN - [edimesick@aol.com](mailto:edimesick@aol.com)  
Mrs. Marlena Nickerson / SPN - [marlena.nickerson@yahoo.com](mailto:marlena.nickerson@yahoo.com)

### FOOD PANTRY:

Mrs. Demetra Alberti - (607) 435-0705

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm – Sacred Heart Church  
Sunday 8:00 am – St. Philip Neri Mission Church

#### Weekday Masses at Sacred Heart Church:

Wednesday @ 9:00 am & Friday @ 12:00 pm

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Fridays @ 11:00 am & First Saturday of the month @ 9:00 am

### SACRED HEART PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*Our mission is to become an evangelizing community of Christian disciples by growing in our personal relationship with Jesus, by deepening our understanding, enthusiasm and love for the Catholic faith, by increasing our confidence and courage to share the faith with others, and by faithfully living the Gospel in the world.*

## SACRED HEART PARISH

*Sacred Heart Church/Stamford & St. Philip Neri Church/Grand Gorge*

### Welcome To Our Parish

*We are happy that you have joined us today and want you to know that you are always welcome here. If you're new to the area either as a permanent, seasonal, or weekend resident, or even just visiting, we invite you to participate in any of our parish activities or ministries. There is a ministry booklet on our website, and activities are regularly publicized in our bulletin and posted in our churches. We all have unique and valuable gifts and talents with which we can serve God and each other. Welcome!*

#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, December 16, 2023**

**4:30 pm — Mass: Sacred Heart Church**

- + Ronald D'Amico, req. Eugene & Carmen Garcia
- + Virginia Macaluso, req. Joe & Josie Macaluso

**Sunday, December 17, 2023**

**8:00 am — Mass: St. Philip Neri**

For All Parishioners

**Wednesday, December 20, 2023**

- + Diane Ottomano, req. Albanise Family

**Friday, December 22, 2023**

- + Marianne Ruso, req. Friends of Marianne

**Saturday, December 23, 2023**

**4:30 pm — Mass: Sacred Heart Church**

- + Josephine Donofrio, req. Estate

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

**8:00 am — Mass: St. Philip Neri**

- + Josephine Donofrio, req. Estate

**6:00 pm — Mass: Sacred Heart Church**

- + Lillian Fictel, req. Paul & Carole Trotta

**Monday, December 25, 2023**

**8:00 am — Mass: St. Philip Neri**


- + Alfred Ruehle, req. Connie Ruehle

**11:00 am — Mass: Sacred Heart Church**

For All Parishioners




**PARISH SUPPORT, Dec. 2/3, 2023**



**Stamford: \$ 812.00**

**Grand Gorge: \$ 684.00**



**Please remember Sacred Heart Parish in your Last Will. Thank you for your dedication and service to our Parish!**

If you would like to receive envelopes for your weekly contribution to our Parish please let us know: (607) 652-7170. Thank you!



**USHERS Needed**  
VOLUNTEER TODAY



**HELP WANTED**  
*Your parish needs you!*



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**  
Offering Counters

#### LECTOR SCHEDULE

DATE	STAMFORD	GRAND GORGE
Dec. 16/17	<b>Abarno</b>	<b>Ruehle</b>
Dec. 23/24	<b>Kneis</b>	<b>Martel</b>
Dec. 25	<b>P. Wenner</b>	<b>Rich</b>

#### EM SCHEDULE

Dec. 16/17	<b>Macaluso</b>	<b>Martel</b>
Dec. 23/24	<b>Dengler</b>	<b>DeJoy</b>
Dec. 25	<b>Rich</b>	



This list of the names of the sick persons was reset on November 1st, 2023. Please contact the Rectory ([SHStamfo@rcda.org](mailto:SHStamfo@rcda.org) or 607-652-7170) to place the name of your loved one on the new list. You can add names during the year when someone will need to be prayed for.

#### PRESENTATION OF BREAD & WINE

If you are having a Mass offered for your loved ones, please bring up the offertory gifts TO THE ALTAR.



*The Sanctuary Candle (\$20.00) & Bread and Wine (\$15.00) at Sacred Heart & St. Philip Neri is available for dedication. Please contact the Rectory.*



#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Mary Jane Butler, Lou DeSimone, Joseph Gambino, Ken Jackson. Barbara Kersnan, Michael Manz, Jenny (Hults) Marin, Jack Moran, Linda Palm, Brian Pare, Joe Stock, Bill & Patt Svoboda, John Tramosch, Mary Tubiolo, Therese Wenner,

Readings for Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5 | Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 | Ac 13: 16-17, 22-25 | Mt 1:1-25

# MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HAVE MERCY ON US...



## GAUDETE OR REJOICE

The third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday*, the day when we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath. Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near.

Gaudete means “rejoice”. This day reminds us of the joy that is to come, and serves, amid this season of penance, as a kind of ‘break’ when we recall the hope we have because of the coming of Our Lord Jesus.



Children of Homeschooling will sing **Christmas Carols** before 6 pm Mass on Monday, January 1, 2024 at Sacred Heart Church in Stamford.



*The Living Flame of the Sanctuary Lamp at Sacred Heart will burn this week in honor of*

**George R. Sonner Sr.**

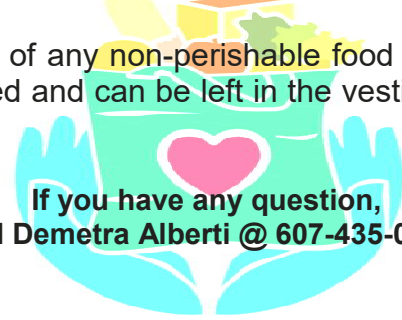
*From Family*



## The Food Pantry at Sacred Heart Church

Donations of any non-perishable food are greatly appreciated and can be left in the vestibule of the church.

If you have any question,  
call Demetra Alberti @ 607-435-0705



**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL**

**Our Parish Goal  
For  
2023-2024**

**\$21,467**

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



**Sunday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve):**

**8:00 am in Grand Gorge**

**11:00 am in Margaretville**

**NO 12 PM in Andes**

**4:00 pm in Margaretville (Spanish)**

**6:00 pm in Stamford**

**Monday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day):**

**8:00 am in Grand Gorge**

**10:00 am in Margaretville**

**11:00 am in Stamford**

**12:00 pm in Andes**

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

**Today, 16/17**

**Christmas Flower Offering**





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