

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*



April 20, 2025 – Easter Sunday

RECTORY AND PARISH OFFICE

27 Harper Street
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Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Visit us: www.sacredheartstamford.org
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PRIEST:

Rev. Paul J. Mijas

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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 4:30pm.

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 – Before or after Masses on Tu. & Wed.;
Fri. at 11:00 am & Sat. at 4:00 pm. (except 1st Sat.)
SPN in Grand Gorge - before Sunday Mass
Anytime by appointment.

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:

Tuesday & Wednesday at 9:00 am, Friday at 12:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Fridays at 11:00 am & First Saturday of the month at 3:30 pm

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. 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.



Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025

HAPPY EASTER

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

11:00 AM—For All Parishioners and Guests



Tuesday, April 22, 2025

9:00 AM — Mass: Sacred Heart Church
† Frank & Martha Wenner, req. Paul & Janet Wenner

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

9:00 AM — Mass: Sacred Heart Church
† Marianne Raso, req. Raso Family

Friday, April 25, 2025

11:00 AM — Mass: Sacred Heart Church
† Mark Russell, req. Leslie & Dan Jeffrey

Saturday, April 26, 2025

4:30 PM — Mass: Sacred Heart Church
† John Butler, req. Lynn & Bob Abarno

Sunday of Divine Mercy, April 27, 2025

8:00 AM — Mass: St. Philip Neri Church
† Therese Powell, req. Marlena & Lonnie Nickerson



The Sanctuary Candle (\$20) & Bread and Wine (\$15) at Sacred Heart & St. Phillip Neri

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Lenten Rules for Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics ages 18 to 59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Consumption of one full meal and two smaller meals that don't add up to a full meal is permitted. However, snacking between meals is not. Those aged 14 + are required to abstain (no meat or poultry) from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent.



Weekly Offering



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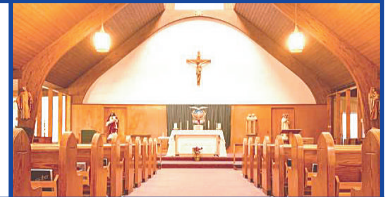
April 12th/13th

Stamford	\$ 1,274.00
2nd Collection	\$ 650.00
Grand Gorge	\$ 555.00
2nd Collection	\$ 280.00

If you would like to receive envelopes for your weekly contribution to our parish please let us know (607) 652-7170

MASS ATTENDANCE FOR LAST SUNDAY

Stamford: 98
Grand Gorge: 58



ON-LINE GIVING

Electronically giving has been made easy! Donate today by going to our website at <https://sacredheartstamford.org/> and clicking "Donate", follow very simple instructions.

Divine Mercy Novena (April 18-27, 2025)

Leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday, many faithful begin the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday and conclude on Divine Mercy Sunday seeking God's mercy.



DATE

STAMFORD GRAND GORGE

Lectors

April 20th		
April 26th & 27th	Abarno	Ruehle

Eucharistic Ministers

April 20th		
April 26th & 27th	Carroll	Martel

Readings for Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16 | Ps 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24 | Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 | Jn 20 19-31

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

Prayer Requests



Annette Bevilacqua
Bill & Pat Svoboda
Bob Abarno
Father Arul Carasala
Rose Fusco
Brian Pare
Catherine Wargo
Frank Leonardo
Harvey Sandig
Lisa Pfaff

Joseph Schrom
Luke Wenner
Maria Lopane
Marlies Kneis
Mary Nally
Mike Manz
Pope Francis
Sarah Wenner
Therese Wenner

Announcements AND News

US Bishops to End Collaboration with Federal Government on Refugee Services: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) announced plans to discontinue certain cooperative agreements with the federal government related to children's services and refugee support. This decision responds to the government's suspension of refugee resettlement programs, prompting the bishops to seek alternative means to assist those in need.

Annual Mother's Day Baby Showers Collection: On May 11th and 12th at the vestibules of both churches we will be collecting for needy mothers. Donations of money, bibs, hats, blankets, shampoos, body wash, and toothpaste are welcomed. The Respect for Life Community is the sponsor and donations are for New Life Maternity, Inc. Hudson, NY. (questions see Paul Wenner or Theresa Grier)



Diocesan Appeal

Our Parish Goal for 2024 -2025

\$ 23,759

The **Diocesan Appeal** supports all of the vital ministries and programs throughout the Diocese of Albany. It is our one time opportunity during the year to reach out in support of all the people of God beyond the boundaries of Sacred Heart and St. Philip Neri Mission Parish. Donations directly help our parish to pay its share of the important work of the Diocese. Please respond to the Appeal by making a pledge that you can pay to the **end of June 2025**.

*Our Goal is 100% participation
Not for equal gifts, but equal sacrifice!*

MESSAGE FOR PARISHIONERS

From Fr. Jim Wash, Parish Steering Committee Chair

I am reaching out to you today to share information about something that may surface soon in the media.

You may have seen reports recently about the Bankruptcy Court allowing designated "test" Child Victims Act cases to move forward to trials in State Court to establish claim values. All the cases, approximately 400 of them, were stayed, or put on hold, when the Diocese filed its voluntary Chapter 11 Petition with the Bankruptcy Court two years ago.

The designated "test" cases going forward have been specifically chosen by plaintiff's attorneys because they believe that a settlement or verdict after a trial in those cases will help determine claim value in the hundreds of other cases that remain stayed to inform the Bankruptcy Court, Diocese, parishes and the insurance companies whose policies extending coverage for the Diocese and its parishes of their potential exposure and amounts they should expect to contribute to a plan to compensate survivors.

The plaintiffs' attorneys also are attempting to influence the insurance carriers to contribute significant funds to any settlement providing for payment to all survivors. In their view, this process will also assist survivors, the Diocese and parishes in reaching an agreement on that settlement as well with the goal of accelerating the process to achieve an approved plan for a bankruptcy settlement.

Despite these "test" cases going forward in State Court, we continue to believe that the best way to resolve the abuse claims is through mediation. The Diocese and parish representatives continue to participate in mediation with representatives for the abuse claimants and the insurers. The Bankruptcy Court has directed that this mediation continue, and we remain hopeful that it will resolve the amounts to be paid by the Diocese, parishes and insurers to the survivors through the Diocese's plan in its bankruptcy case.

I am sharing this information now because there was a court hearing on Monday, April 14 and it is likely that a report will follow in the media.

Another concern is that the allegations in these "test" cases are going to be difficult to hear, and reporters will be sharing them. That may cause pain for many; for the survivors, for those who suffered abuse and are still suffering in silence not ready to ask for help, even for the people in our pews who have never been abused. Many struggle to deal with the fact that abuse ever took place in the church they love. It is difficult to understand how anyone in our church, which was created to share God's love in the world, could have abused anyone. I will keep you informed as new information becomes available.

I want you to know that the Diocese has a Hope and Healing Committee. They are a resource for all. They have a webpage <https://www.rcda.org/hopeandhealing>. They have spoken with survivors to ask how the church can help, and they share those stories on a separate webpage <https://www.rcda.org/offices/safe-environment/survivors>. Those stories can help you better understand what survivors need, and how you can help.

Please pray. We need to share compassion with all. We are the body of Christ. This will be difficult for all of us. I encourage each of you to be honest about your need for help through this. I will do the same. We are a community in Christ. Let's help each other, rely on available resources, look at the Hope and Healing webpage. If you want to schedule a Hope and Healing mass, let's plan for that. The Hope and Healing Committee can help.

Pray for healing for all. Keep in mind that anytime you are at church, even at Mass each Sunday, a survivor may be there with you. Some may be too afraid to admit they were abused. Let's be Christ for one another.



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