

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*



November 30, 2025 – First Sunday of Advent

RECTORY AND PARISH OFFICE

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

Office Hours:

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

Visit us: 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 4:30pm.

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.

PASTOR: *Our Lord Jesus Christ*

PASTOR'S SERVANT: *Rev. Paul J. Mijas*

SECRETARY:

Kelly Bauer

TRUSTEES:

*Mrs. Carole Trotta
Mr. Al Martel*

FAITH FORMATION DIRECTOR:

Mrs. Carleen Russell – carleenrussell3@gmail.com

MUSIC MINISTRY:

FOOD PANTRY:

Mrs. Katie Ryerson - (910) 545 - 3324

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

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.



Saturday, November 29, 2025

4:30 PM — Mass: Sacred Heart Church
† Carmen Capiello, req. Carmen & Eugene Garcia

Sunday, November 30, 2025

8:00 AM — Mass: St. Philip Neri Church
For All Parishioners

Tuesday, December 02, 2025

9:00 AM — Mass: Sacred Heart Church
† Raymond O'Keefe, req. Pat Dengler

Wednesday, December 03, 2025

9:00 AM — Mass: Sacred Heart Church
† Josephine Donofrio, req. Estate

Friday, December 05, 2025

12:00 PM — Mass: Sacred Heart Church
† Helen Arprin, req. Erna & Joseph Moore

Saturday, December 06, 2025

4:00 PM — Mass: Sacred Heart Church
† Ronald D'Amico, req. Carmen & Eugene Garcia

Sunday, December 07, 2025

8:00 AM — Mass: St. Philip Neri Church
† Daniel Pickett, req. Family



PARISH SUPPORT

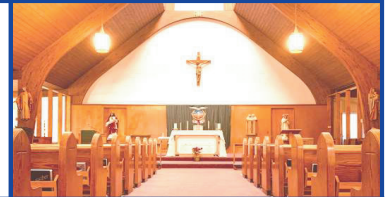
November 23, 2025

Stamford	\$ TBC
2nd Collection	\$
Grand Gorge	\$ TBC
2nd Collection	\$

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

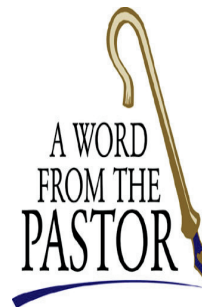
MASS ATTENDANCE FOR LAST SUNDAY

Stamford:
Grand Gorge:



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.



Please note that our Saturday Mass time will change from 4:30 to 4:00 pm. This change will take place on Saturday December 06, 2025.



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



Are available for dedication!



The Knight's Of Columbus Council #13222 would like to thank all those who came out to support this past Pasta Night Dinner! The Council also extends warmest regards to Lisa Driscoll and Karen Kosier for their gracious and generous help!

DATE	STAMFORD	GRAND GORGE
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Lectors

Nov 29th & 30th	Abarno	Mesick
Dec 06th & 07th	Wenner	DeJoy

Eucharistic Ministers

Nov 29th & 30th	Rich	Laban
Dec 06th & 07th	Carroll	Clark

Readings for Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10 | Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 | Rom 15:4-9 | Mt 3:1-12

FROM FATHER PAUL'S DESK...



Reflection After Our Synod Gatherings

Over the past two months, we gathered twice as a parish community - Sacred Heart Church and St. Philip Neri Mission Church to listen, to reflect, and to dream about the future of our Church. I am grateful for everyone who came, who prayed with us, and who offered their thoughts. Your presence matters.

At the same time, the attendance was lower than we hoped. Between both parishes, we typically welcome around 140 people to our weekend Masses. Yet only about 85 joined us for the second Synod conversations (including about 15 members of the Catholic Crusaders Homeschool Group, who are not part of our parish). This tells us something - not about apathy, but about a challenge: many people desire a vibrant parish, but fewer feel personally called to help build it.

During the meetings, we heard concerns and questions: *Why wasn't a cancelled Mass announced earlier? Why are children not coming to church? Why can't we have Mass at a different time? Why don't we offer what other parishes offer?*

These questions are valid, but they also reveal a deeper truth. A parish is not something we consume - it is a family we build **together**. If we want more, we must be willing to give more. As Jesus said, *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."*

The reality is that we are short in many areas:

- We are short of Faith Formation teachers.
- We are short of greeters at the doors.
- We are short of ushers.
- We are short of Food Pantry helpers
- We are short of volunteers in almost every ministry.

And this is why some things cannot improve as quickly as we all would like. A parish thrives not because everything is perfect, but because its members choose to serve each other with love. Most of us are very good at identifying what is missing; fewer step forward to fill the gap.

The truth is simple: **things will not change until we get up and help.**

We cannot have more children at Mass if parents do not bring them. We cannot have better communication if people do not take the bulletin home, check the website, or pick up the phone to call the rectory office. We cannot offer more ministries if no one is willing to share time, talent, or even a small portion of resources.

Complaints alone do not build a parish. Commitment does.

So I ask you, with love and with hope: Before asking, *“Why don’t we have...?”* let us ask, *“How can I help?”*

Imagine what our parish could look like if every person gave just a little of themselves - one hour a week, a simple act of service, a willingness to greet, teach, organize, or just participate more fully. We would not be short of anything.

The Synod reminded us of something essential: **We are the Church together.** Its future depends not on programs, but on people - on each one of us responding to God’s call to serve.

May these meetings be the beginning of renewed participation, deeper ownership, and a greater desire to build the parish we all hope for.

Thank you for your honesty, your presence, and your prayers. Let us now move forward - not only with questions, but with hands ready to work and hearts ready to serve.

May God bless you!

Father Paul

PLEASE NOTE: Saturday Vigil Mass time will change from 4:30 pm to 4:00 pm beginning December 6, 2025

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



Joey Cooper



Today is the First Sunday of Advent



The start of Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year. Advent brings with it a dual theology: preparation for the commemoration of Christ's birth at Christmas and our self-preparation for His return at the end of time.

The Food Pantry at Sacred Heart Church

"Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him" - Luke 3:4

As we enter the sacred season of Advent, we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ by sharing His love with others. The Sacred Heart Church Food Pantry invites you to help bring light and hope to families in need this Christmas season.

Donations of non-perishable food or monetary gifts help us fill empty shelves—and hearts—with the joy of Christ's presence. May our giving be a reflection of His greatest gift—love made flesh among us.

We also need volunteers! If you would like to volunteer please contact: Katie Ryerson at (910) 545-3324

Food Pantry operates every 2 weeks on Thursday evenings from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm & Friday mornings from 9:30 am to 10:30 am.



Diocesan Appeal

Our Parish + Goal for 2025 -2026 **\$ 11,289**

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 2026**.

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



... To clothe the naked. It is an act of mercy. Our annual Homeless clothing drive begins on Nov 23. **PLEASE HELP!** Jackets, pants, socks, underwear in good clean condition is needed in all sizes. Please bring these items to the church vestibule. Reach out to Paul Wenner at Sacred Heart or Theresa Gier at St. Philip Neri.

...The Christmas Feeling Fund is fast approaching. As part of Remade for Mission, let's rally our troops for a big Catholic presence. Stop in the Presbyterian Church during any of the times and days listed below. Someone will be there to direct you.

December 10 and 11: 10:00-2:00

December 12: 3:00-5:00 (students too)

December 13: 8:30-12:30 Distribution Day

... The Rosary Warriors are a group of parishioners who recite one decade of the Rosary every day while concentrating on one of the Mysteries and with the same "Intention." One more person is needed to replace one who can no longer participate. If we can get another five people, another entire Rosary will be recited. Contact Marlena Nickerson if interested. marlena.nickerson@yahoo.com



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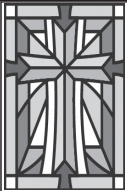
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