Unlike the OCSInitialization resource, the StorageCluster resource creation or deletion operates outside ocs-operator control. Only one StorageCluster resource per OpenShift Container Platform cluster is supported.

## **Describing the Rook-Ceph Operator**

Rook is a cloud-native storage orchestrator that provides the platform to abstract the complexity of Ceph layout and configuration. Rook-Ceph is the primary component for the ocs-operator. It incorporates the Ceph cluster into the operator bundle.

Rook-Ceph is responsible for the initial storage cluster bootstrap, administrative tasks, and the creation of the pods and other dependent resources in the openshift-storage namespace. Many advanced Ceph features, such as Placement Groups and CRUSH maps, are reserved for Rook management. Rook-Ceph facilitates a seamless storage consumption experience and minimizes the required cluster administration.

Monitoring is an important Rook-Ceph duty. Rook-Ceph watches the storage cluster state to ensure that it is available and healthy. Rook-Ceph monitors Ceph Placement Groups and automatically adjusts their configuration based on pool sizing, and monitors Ceph daemons. Rook-Ceph communicates with OpenShift APIs to request the necessary resources when the cluster scales.

Rook-Ceph provides two *Container Storage Interface (CSI)* drivers to create volumes, the RBD driver and the CephFS driver. These drivers provide the channel for OpenShift Container Platform to consume storage.



## Note

The OpenShift Container Storage operator does not create *Persistent Volume* resources, but tracks resources that Ceph-CSI drivers created.

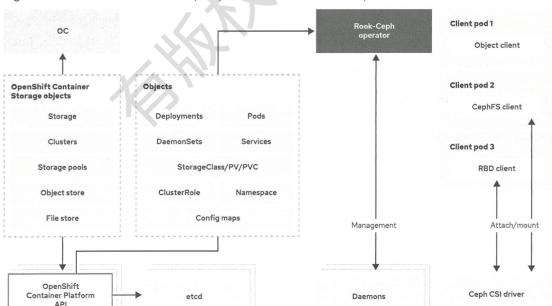


Figure 13.3 visualizes the Rook-Ceph operator interaction with OpenShift Container Platform.

Figure 13.3: Rook Architecture