



CONCERNING SATURDAY VIGIL MASS CHANGE OF TIME AND LOCATIONS

NOTE:

CHANGE TO PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED SCHEDULE

On May 17, 2017 there was a joint pastoral councils meeting of the partner parishes of St. George and St. Mary. The Saturday Mass schedule change that was announced several weeks ago was discussed, again.

Because of feedback from parishioners in both parishes and with time since the last joint meeting in February to reflect upon the possible consequences of adopting a schedule where only one Saturday Mass would be celebrated in the two parishes which would rotate between the parishes every six months, members of the two councils decided that for the good of the parishes the plan for Saturday Vigil Mass that was previously announced needed to be changed.

There will still only be one Mass on Saturday evenings beginning June 3, the Feast of Pentecost, for St. George and St. Mary. But the parish “hosting” the single Mass will change every other month instead of every 6 months. Beginning in June, Saturday evening Mass will be hosted by St. George in New Baden at 4:00 PM. In July, Saturday evening Mass will be here at St. Mary, at 4:00 pm. Then in August at St. George and during September, here at St. Mary and so forth.

Remember, we are beginning to change the Mass schedule, at the recommendation of our Bishop, in order to begin phasing in the necessary changes that will need to be made when only one priest is available to serve both parishes. Instead of having to adjust everything all at once when either Fr. Neff, the pastor of St. George or Fr. Joe leave their parish for whatever reason, we're easing into the new schedule. Sometime in a year or so, the Sunday Mass times will probably also change, but for now, Sunday Mass times remain the same in both parishes. This schedule change will be evaluated after the first of the new year in 2018.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work on being two parishes with one Mission looking toward the day when only one priest is available.

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VIGIL MASS BY MONTH**

**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS
TIME AND LOCATIONS**

**For St. Mary, Trenton and St. George, New Baden
Beginning June 3, 2017**

MONTH	PARISH LOCATION (ALWAYS 4:00 PM)
June	St. George, New Baden
July	St. Mary, Trenton
August	St. George, New Baden
September	St. Mary, Trenton
October	St. George, New Baden
November	St. Mary, Trenton
December	St. George, New Baden
January	St. Mary, Trenton
February	St. George, New Baden
March	St. Mary, Trenton
April	St. George, New Baden
May	St. Mary, Trenton