

After extensive consultation with the house owners and many others involved with the tour, we made the decision to postpone this year's tour until September. The following letter describing the postponement of the 2020 Georgetown House Tour was sent out from St. John's Georgetown on March 26, 2020.

Dear Friends,

Loving and caring for people is what we have been doing here in Georgetown for almost 225 years. Our mission, rooted in faith, demands that we prioritize the health and wellbeing of our community over anything else, and so we are postponing the House Tour until Saturday, September 26th. The Patrons' Party will likely be that week as well. We will continue to monitor the situation over the coming months.

St. John's relies heavily on the income from the House Tour and Patrons' Party for our outreach to those who are vulnerable and in need. The income also allows us to give away our space to groups like the Georgetown Senior Center and Georgetown Village who gather at St. John's several times a week to feed their bodies, minds, and spirits. One thing that this coronavirus-necessitated isolation has made plain: our ministry of connection is absolutely vital to the wellbeing of our community. Now, more than ever, we need your help to continue this work.

We hope you will consider leaving your host or patron donation in place for now while we proceed to plan the Patrons' Party for September. We also understand if you are not in a position to do so, and are happy to process a refund to any of you who would like one.

Please know that the people of St. John's continue to pray for you and all who are affected by this crisis.

With every blessing, and a heart grateful for this community,

Gini Gerbasi, Rector