

Perhaps due to the Civil War, St. Bartholomew's Catholic Mission and later Church in Manchester was built in 1865. True or not, it's presence in the Reconstruction as well as it's erection at that time was profitable spiritually to the people of Manchester and Hampstead. The American bond brick building with exterior tudor arch window and wall trim, came together with the St. Francis Cabrini Mission congregation in 1965. Since, the congregations have worshipped under the St. Bartholomew roof.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

St. Bartholomews Roman Catholic Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 121 Park Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Manchester

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Carroll

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME St. Bartholomews Catholic Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER 121 Park Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Manchester

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21102

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Carroll County Office Building
exempt records

Liber #:

Folio #: NONE

STREET & NUMBER 225 North Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

688-75

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1965</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Bartholomew's faces north and sits ten yards off Park Avenue in Manchester. The uncoursed to coursed stone foundation anchors an American bond, brick building with a gable roof. This has a standing seam finish and box cornice. The rectangular, one story building has a west back wing which protrudes about thirty feet.

The west side wall and wing is four-bays, including both The three front bays are 12/12, colored glass, double-hung sash windows with plain wooden trim; set in a Tudor arch window frame. Headers create the arch. These bays are part of a symmetrically, recessed wall spaces (exterior). The spaces also have a Tudor arch frame. An arch within an arch.

The north wall of the wing has a recent door in the same tudor arch trim with a five pane transom. On the western wall of the wing there are two rounded arch window spaces with plain trim. Wood panels replace the glass and a central cross motif decorates the panels.

The east wall of the church has four-bays of the same trim as the western wall and front bays - tudor motif, 12/12 panes and recessed walls.

The southern back wall including the wing is completely covered with cement. The wing has has identical, rounded arch, cross motif windows as its own western wall. A central, pointed arch vent is under the gable on the backwall of the rectangular building; otherwise this wall is void of windows.

The front facade has an entrance porch, with a gable roof. It is enclosed, of one bay with a standing seam, gable roof. The same American bond pattern is used in its construction. The recent, front door which accomodates this is double, with a multi-faned transom. Recent cement and brick steps lead to it. The front wall has a symetrically, recessed pattern. A pointed arch vent under the gable is the same as that of the back wall.

INTERIOR - St. Bartholomew's is a simple meeting house, with a central entrance off the enclosed porch, which leads to a rectangular narthex. Recent, central, double doors lead to an eleven-pew, deep nave with side and central aisles. A central altar in the south end of the church. Walls are of plaster and recent wainscot. The western wing supports either extra worship area or fellowship and education rooms.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES *1865*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Bartholomew's in Manchester was very important to the Catholic community there during the Civil War. It has since been important to the Catholics of Hampstead and Manchester. Along with the St. Francis Cabrini congregation of Hampstead, the two have made a cohesive unit of Catholicism in this north/eastern part of the county (early Catholic history CARR. -284)

Tension ran deep in every part of our border state in the early 1860's and even after the war. By 1865 the Manchester community was very weary and yet anxious to create new lives out of torn ones. It was in this year St. Bartholomew's was built as a reprieve from the future agonies of the Reconstruction. Its charge was placed in the hands of the Redemptionist Fathers then located in Baltimore, at St. Alphonsus Church.

The year that the land was donated, thought presumably to be close to the date of construction, is not available. Yet old records suggest that the donor was one Adam Shower, member of a prominent local family dating back to the Revolutionary War. Shower is said to not only have donated the land but also the bricks. He was a member of the Trinity Reformed Church.

The Baltimore Fathers made a monthly visit over a period of seven years, remaining several days on each occasion. The only means of communication at that time were the conestoga wagons, which ran from Baltimore to Hanover, Pa. and made many stops in between. The four miles an hour speed of the wagons pulled by an even number of horses (up to eight or ten) resulted in a full days journey. In 1872, the charge was transferred to one Rev. John Gloyd of the Westminster parish of St. John's, formally "Christ Catholic". He held services once monthly and when he left, pre-1890 services were held once weekly.

In 1892, the American branch of the Josephite Fathers, i.e. Mill Hill community, disbanded. One of these priests Rev. Michael Walsh was made priest of Sacred Heart parish in Glyndon and the mission of Hampstead and Manchester were attached. By 1900 the mission covered over 120 miles of country.

In 1908 the brick church was renovated.

In 1916 - Glyndon was made a mission of Pikesville and St. Bartholomew's was temporarily closed.

In 1937, it was reopened and mass held every other Sunday.

From 1946 until 1965, a Catholic mission, St. Francis Cabrini, existed in Hampstead. Land was purchased for a church, but the land was never used. In 1965 the two churches came together at St. Bartholomew's as one, largely because Catholics were few in the area, not enough to warrant two closely located churches.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 --Rev. Harvey G. Schlichter

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	Maryland	COUNTY	Carroll
STATE		COUNTY	

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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St. Bartholomews Roman Catholic Ch.
Carroll County
Manchester

8 SIGNIFICANCE

St. Bartholomew's deserves a position in Catholic history in the county, as a prominent mission and more recently a parish that survived the post-Civil War conflicts and a twenty year inactivity.



St. Bartholomew's Roman Cath. Church,
Manchester

Dec. - 78

Jan. - 170

north/east corner

quadr. E.



St. Bartholomew's Roman Cath Church
Manchester

Dec. - 78

Can. - 170

northwest corner & west facade

photo 2.



ST. MARY'S
PARISH HALL
AND RECTORY

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St. Bartholomew's Roman Catholic Church,
Manchester

Dec. - 78

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north elevation

fredi E.



St. Bartholomew's Roman Catho Church,
Manchester

Dec.-78

Can.-170

east facade detail
fredi E.