

St. Mary's - 97
St. John's Roman Catholic Church
St. John's Road
Hollywood, MD 20636

1896

Access: Public

This parish was founded in 1691 and is one of the oldest in the country. The church was built in 1896 by Joseph Milburn of Leonardtown in 1896 and this is the third church and the third site of St. John's. The lovely late Victorian structure is distinguished by an octagon turret at the entrance.

This parish has had black members since it's founding. They have been sited in the records and writings of the parish (re.: Johnson, S.J.; J.M.--"The Story of a Country Pastor", N.Y. 1967) for their contributions to the church. This area of St. Mary's County has had a significant number of black Catholics since colonial times. A school was established at this location in 1923. A school for blacks was erected at St. Joseph's Parish in neighboring Morganza in 1928.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

St. John's Roman Catholic Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

St. John's Road

CITY, TOWN

Hollywood

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

St. Marys

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

Archdiocese of Baltimore

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
MD,

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

St. Marys Co. Court House

Liber #: JAC 6

Folio #: 139

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Leonardtown

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N/A

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE 1896
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This parish was founded in 1691 and is one of the oldest in the country. This is the third St. John's R.C. Church site (the first being on Three Notch Road) and the church was built 1896-98. The church faces west It is 36' from the east side of St. John's Road. It was built by Joseph Milburn of Leonardtown. The church is 42' across the front facade and 114' in depth. There is an octagon turret half merged into the west gable at the entrance. There are three steps to the entrance. The entrance has three sets of double doors (6panel). The entrance is five sided. There are stained glass cathedral tops over each of these doors. There are two 16' stained-glass cathedral windows in the front facade (one on each side of the turret. The turret has a frontispiece cathedral window (midway up). This window has colored-glass panes (blue, red and green). Above the window are imbricated shingles. The turret has an open belfry then an octagon top with a cross. There are 5 16' stained-glass windows on the north side and five more identical windows on the south side. The church rests on a brick foundation. The building is constructed with cypress siding and originally had cypress shingles.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Johnson, S.J.; J.M. - "The Story of a Country Pastor"
N.Y. , Vantage Press-1967

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	James W. Clark, Historic Sites Surveyor	
ORGANIZATION	Maryland Commission on Afro-American History & Culture	DATE
STREET & NUMBER	20 Dean Street	TELEPHONE 269-2893
CITY OR TOWN	Annapolis	STATE Maryland

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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St. John's Roman Catholic Church
Hollywood

1898

This frame church, built in a country
Victorian style, has Gothic style windows
and "gingerbread" decoration.

St. John's parish was established by Father
James Walton, S.J., prior to the American
Revolution. The first church consisted of
"two old houses badly joined together."

This was replaced in 1824 by a large frame building
which was in use until the present church was built
by Joseph Milburn in 1898. This handsome Victorian
Gothic ^{building} is typical of the era in which it
was erected and is the only ^{example of its style} remaining in the
county. A fine parochial school, rectory and convent
completes the complex serving this large community.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME

COMMON: *St. John's Church*

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: *Hollywood*

STATE: *Md.* COUNTY: *St. Mary's*

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
Comments: _____ _____ _____			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: *St. John's Catholic Church*

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: *Hollywood* STATE: *Md.*

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncited		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. John's Church is a large frame structure of c. 1890-1910 with a shingle bell tower.

<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Frame <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Slate <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Bell tower <input type="checkbox"/> Spire <input type="checkbox"/> Tower <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 18F Census 18G Census 18H Census 18I Census
 18J Census 18K Census 18L Census 18M Census
 18N Census 18O Census 18P Census 18Q Census
 18R Census 18S Census 18T Census 18U Census
 18V Census 18W Census 18X Census 18Y Census
 18Z Census

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "		Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

Blank area for Acreage Justification.

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: _____
 ORGANIZATION _____ DATE _____
 STREET AND NUMBER: _____
 CITY OR TOWN: _____ STATE _____

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

 Signature

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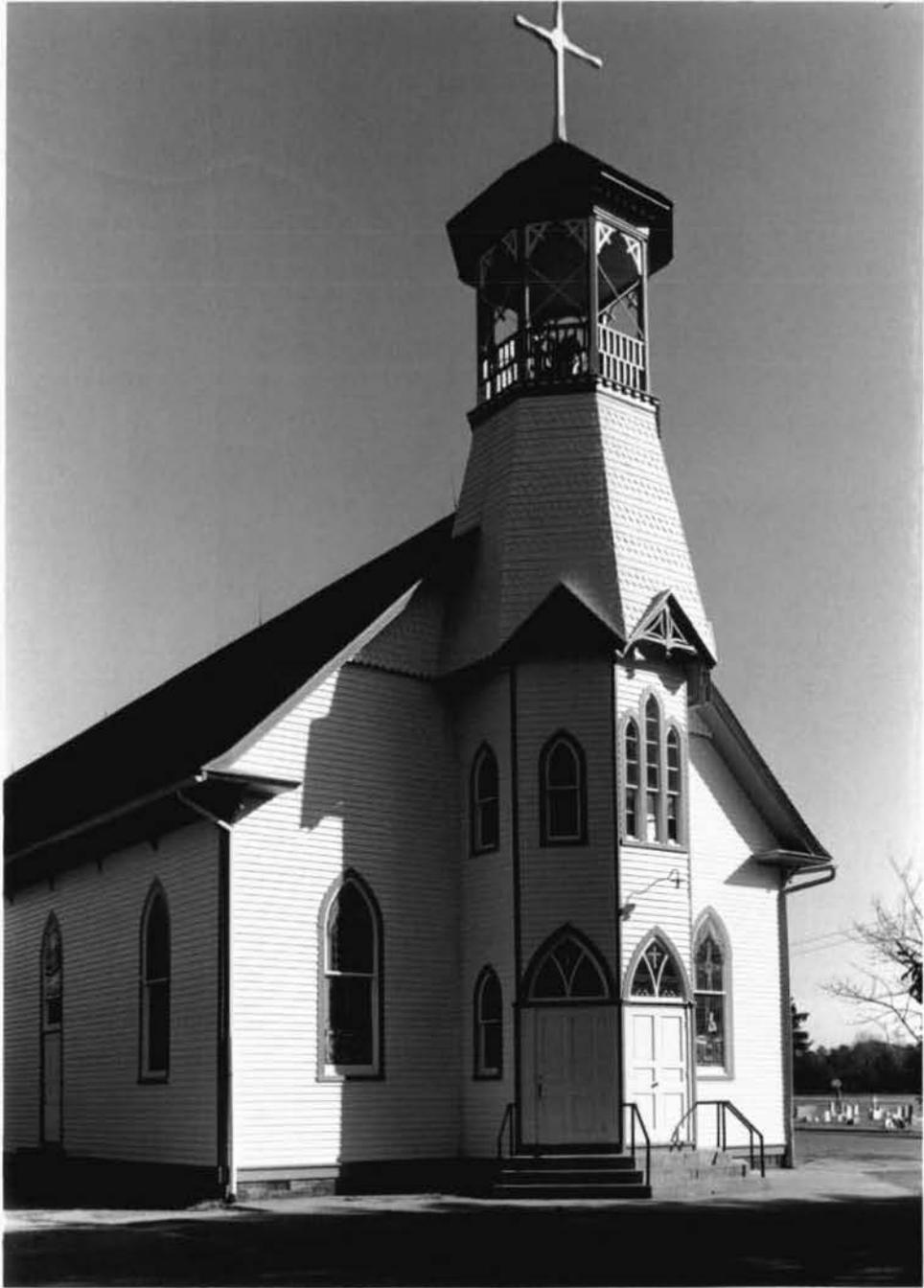
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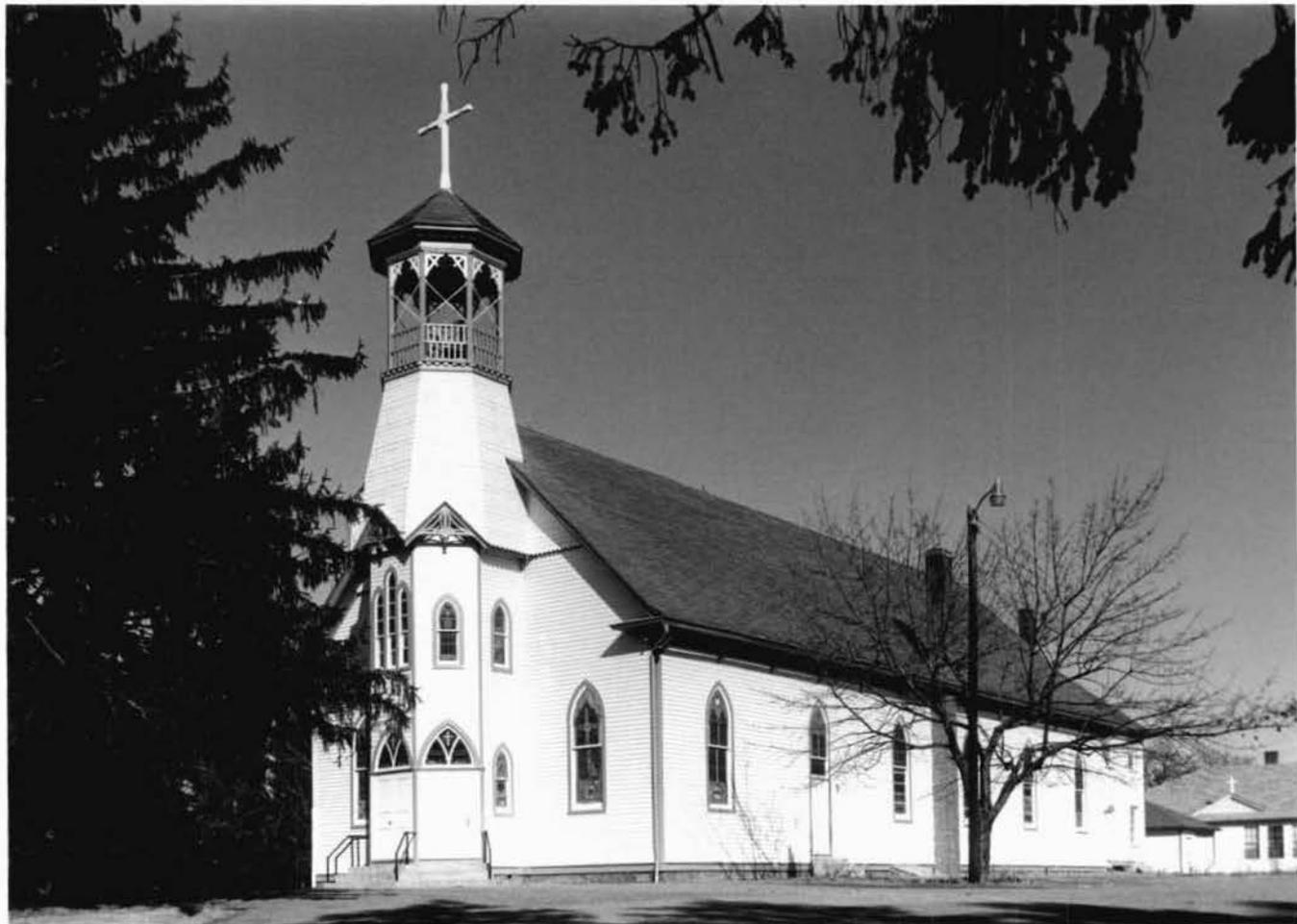
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St. John's Roman Catholic Church

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St. Mary's County, Maryland

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Detail - West elevation

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