

FORM B - BUILDING

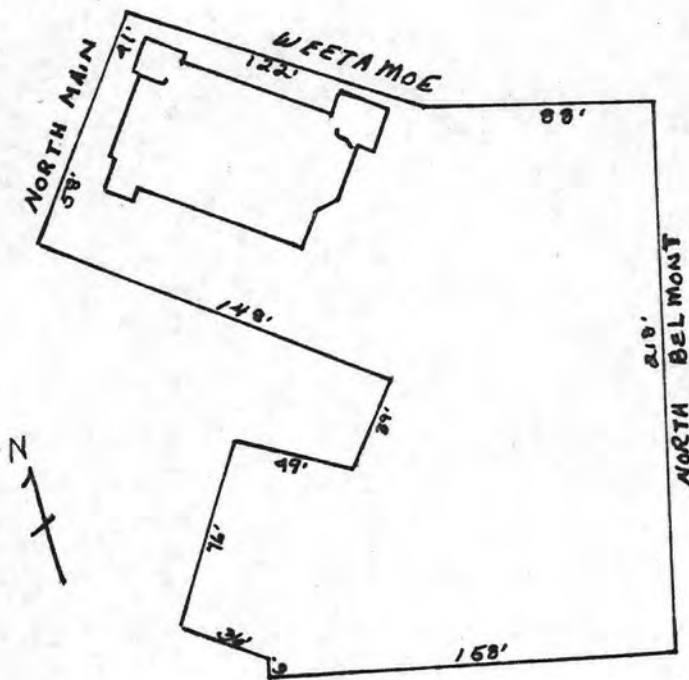
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

Large salmon brick church with square corner tower. Triple pointed-arch windows.

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number CP-1-8

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



1. Town Fall River, Ma.

Address 1355 No. Main St.

Name St. Joseph's Church

Present use church

Present owner St. Joseph's Church

3. Description: Lge. salmon brick church w/ granite trim, sq. corner tower.

Date 1880

Source cornerstone

Style High Victorian Gothic (Ruskinian)

Architect Patrick C. Keely

Exterior wall fabric salmon brick

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features Repeated feature: triple pointed-arch windows w/ brick & stone enframements. Tower blocked forward, 3 pointed-arch entrances, granite banding.

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size: 41,862 sq. ft.
One acre or less 'x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street
_____ at sidewalk

6. Recorded by P. Giza

Organization F.R.O.H.P.

Date Oct. 7, 1980

7. Original owner (if known) St. Joseph's Church

Original use church

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	<u> x </u>
Architectural	<u> C </u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u> x </u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Parish History: St. Joseph's was founded in the spring of 1873 to serve North End Catholics who until then belonged to St. Mary's Cathedral. The first St. Joseph's Church was a temporary edifice on Vestal St., which was later moved to the present site on North Main St. & Weetamoe Street. The congregation rapidly increased & on Monday, April 5, 1880, ground was broken for construction of a new church. The church was formally dedicated in 1885 by Bish Hendricken. For a time, French-speaking Catholics attended St. Joseph's, but as their number increased, they formed a parish St. Mathieu's in 1887. St. Joseph's rectory was built in 1889.

A handsome, High Victorian Gothic structure, St. Joseph's is one of three distinguished churches designed by Patrick C. Keely, one of the country's leading Catholic ecclesiastical architects. His reputation was established locally with the design for St. Mary's Cathedral (1852-1856). St. Joseph's was built to accommodate the growing numbers of Catholics who had settled in the northern section of the city in the 1870's to work in the northern mills (Border City, Narragansett, Mechanics, Sagamore). Keely, an Irish immigrant, was a leading exponent of the Gothic Revival; St. Joseph's is unique in that it follows the more popular style--Victorian Gothic--for public buildings in Fall River c.1876-1880. The use of brick instead of granite here was common in this neighborhood, as brick was more economical to ship by water, than to haul stone down the steep hills. Located opposite the North Burial Ground, St. Joseph's is an important visual landmark in the northern section of the city. It retains its integrity of design, workmanship and setting; it meets Criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Atlas of Bristol County- 1895- structure shown
1883- structure shown
1871- no structure

Fall River Herald News- March 15, 1977

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Fall River Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|---|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| 71. Read, Nathan, House | Substantive Review | Keeper | 2/16/83 <u>Bruce M. Doyle</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 72. Ruggles Park | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | 2/16/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 73. Sagamore Mill No. 2 | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | 2/16/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 74. Sagamore Mills #1 and #3 | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | 2/16/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 75. Sanford Spinning Co. | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | 2/16/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 76. Santo Christo Church | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | 2/16/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
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| 77. Seaconnet Mills | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | 2/16/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 78. Smith, John Mace, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | 2/16/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 79. St. Anne's Church and Parish
Complex | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | 2/16/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
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| 80. St. Joseph's Church | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | 2/16/83 <u>Delores Byers</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |

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National Park Service

St. Joseph's Church (Fall River MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 115/83-15
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.17.84
Date Due: 2/3/83 - 2/19/83
Action: ACCEPT 2/16/83
 RETURN
Entered in the RETURN
National Register REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom. / Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexcavated		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



St. Joseph's Church

1355 No Main

CPI - #8 front view

Fall River MRA, Ma

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000279