

NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY # 0713 7 7 4  
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: St. Luke's Church  
LOCATION: 69 South Fullerton

COMMON NAME: St. Luke's Church  
BLOCK/LOT 2111-01; 43-E/2

MUNICIPALITY: Montclair  
USGS QUAD: Orange  
OWNER/ADDRESS: St. Luke's Church  
See above

COUNTY: Essex  
UTM REFERENCES:  
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: 1889 Source of Date: Cornerstone

Architect: R. H. Robertson Builder:

Style: Gothic Revival/Richardsonian Romanesque Form/Plan Type: Cruciform

Number of Stories: 1 1/2 + 3

Foundation: Brownstone

Exterior Wall Fabric: Rusticated brownstone ashlar, polychrome finish.

Fenestration: Arched windows in original church, round-headed windows in rear & side extension.

Roof/Chimneys: Intersecting gables w/ small central cupola. Interior chimney to rear of building.

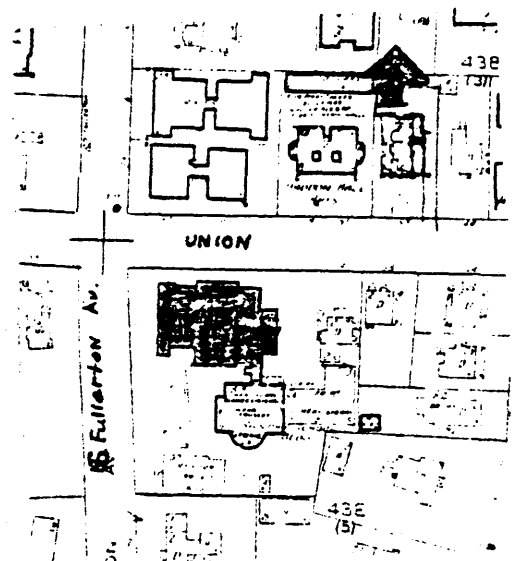
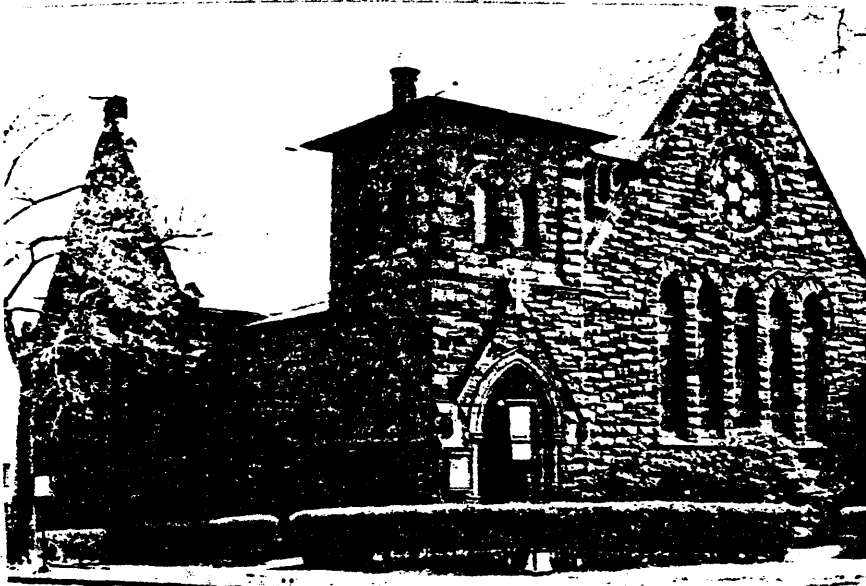
Additional Architectural Description:

A two-story turret w/ low-pitched hipped roof defines the north-west corner of the church. The main entrance, recessed below a compound arch, is surmounted by a steep gable portal w/ finial cross & decorative bosses at impost level. To the right (south) the steep gable of the nave shows a band of five tall, narrow lancet windows w/ quatre-foil motif & common sill below. A large rose window, also w/ quatre-foil motif, defines the wall space above & a heavy stone finial ornament surmounts the roof gable. Below the turret eaves projection, a group of small arches join the south turret wall to the nave roof. The facade of the intersecting wing on the north elevation is broken by lancet windows of ascending sizes, & smaller finial ornaments mark the corners & top of the stone parapet.

Alterations/Modifications: see "Significance".

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Map (Indicate North)



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**SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:**

The church is situated on a 150' x 259' corner lot, south-east of Union St. & Fullerton Ave. An entrance from Union St. leads to parking lot & church office buildings at the rear of the property.

Also, see form prepared on addition (Day Care Center) and manse.

Less than one acre.

**SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:** Urban [ ] Suburban [x] Scattered Buildings [ ]  
Open Space [ ] Woodland [ ] Residential [x] Agricultural [ ]  
Industrial [ ] Downtown Commercial [x] Highway Commercial [ ] Other [ ]

North of this corner, the land use changes from residential to commercial & other quasi-public uses.

**SIGNIFICANCE:**

While the character of St. Luke's is reminiscent of the First Pointed period of the Gothic Revival, the building has a strong Richardsonian Romanesque flavor.

Some of the stained glass windows were designed in the studio of Louis Comfort Tiffany.

Although not built exactly as shown, a sketch of the church, chapel & parsonage appeared in American Architect and Building News in 1889 (see reference below).

**Alterations/Modifications:** the church was altered & enlarged in 1929 by the architect Herbert B. Upjohn. Cast stone arches were inserted into the nave, the east wall was extended 16 feet, & a chapel was added to the north.

<b>ORIGINAL USE:</b> Church	<b>PRESENT USE:</b> Church
<b>PHYSICAL CONDITION:</b> Excellent [x] Good [ ]	Fair [ ] Poor [ ]
<b>REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:</b> Yes [x] Possible [ ]	No [ ] Part of District [x]
<b>THREATS TO SITE:</b> Roads [ ] Development [ ]	Zoning [ ] Deterioration [ ]
No Threat [x] Other [ ]	
<b>COMMENTS:</b>	

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