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1 NAME

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St. Joseph's Church

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2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

	15 W. Cochran Str	reet	NOT FOR PUBLICATION	I
CITY, TOWN			CONGRESSIONAL DIST	RICT
	Middletown	VICINITY OF	One	
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	Delaware	10	New Castle	002

3 CLASSIFICATION

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DISTRICT	PUBLIC			AGRICULTURE	MUSEUM
X_BUILDING(S)	XPRIVATE	UNOCCUPIED		COMMERCIAL	PARK
STRUCTURE	BOTH	WORK IN PROGRESS		EDUCATIONAL	PRIVATE RESIDENCE
SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE			X_RELIGIOUS
OBJECT	IN PROCESS	* YES: RESTRICTED		GOVERNMENT	SCIENTIFIC
	BEING CONSIDERED	YES: UNRESTRICTED	•	INDUSTRIAL	TRANSPORTATION
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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

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STREET & NUMBER		
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7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Situated on the northeast corner of West Cochran and South Cass Streets, St. Joseph's Church, built in 1883-84, is a well-preserved example of Delaware ecclesiastical architecture. Built in the vernacular Gothic Revival style at its heights of popularity, St. Joseph's has not endured any changes which have significantly altered its architectural character.

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A small rectangular building, St. Joseph's is framed of wood and sheathed with German siding, a fabric popular for Gothic frame structures. Square posts mark each of the corners and the simple wooden sill is visible above the brick foundation.

A steeply pitched roof frames the facade of the church. From under its projecting eaves are visible the ends of iron tie rods which provide support for the roof. The roof has been newly sheathed with composition shingles; the roofline is broken by a belfry at the front and a small brick chimney at the rear. A two-story wing, added between 1885 and 1900, projects from the rear of the church.

Six narrow windows pierce each side of the church. Two more windows flank each side of the front entry; there is a blid panel at the bottom of these windows. The window frames take the form of a lancet arch; the top of the sash set in these frames takes the form of a cinquefoil arch. A small double lancet window, set in a single lancet frame, is centrally placed on the facade above the porch roof. A quatrefoil is carved into the peak of the frame.

All of the forms on the facade focus upward. The roof over the entry porch follows the line of the main roof. Set inside it is a lancet arch which frames the doorway. The double doorway, with its strap hinges, fills the bottom of the arch. The impost is marked by a dentil course. Above this is a lancet-shaped fanlight with Y-tracery. Around the doorframe is a heavy hood moulding terminated at each end by an ornamental boss called a label stop. The hood mould terminates in line with the impost. Under this, on each side, are two blind rectangular recessed panels set into the wooden door frame. A bracket is found under the peak of the overhanging porch roof and at the place where the front corners of the porch meets the roof. These are similar to the brackets which are found all along the main roof at the front and rear of the building. These brackets are designed in the Italianate style.

The belfry crowns the facade of the church. The octagonal base gives way to the open drop arches of the beffry. Each drop arch springs from an octagonal column capital. The bottom of each arch is filled by a balustrade. The pierced balusters are flattened and are set so that they seem to form a continuous pattern between the columns. The roof is octagonal and is peaked, terminating in a cross. Set in each of the eight sides is a projecting wooden embellishment in the form of a lancet arch with an inner recessed trefoil arch.

The Gothic influence is also distinctly present in the interior of the church. The nave with its vaulted ceiling and the sanctuary set in a recess outlined by a drop arch all reflect the style.

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The most impressive feature of the nave is the exposed truss system. It is basically in the form of a scissors truss which calls for use of a king post and queen post but no horizontal members. The kind post is present here, but missing are the queen posts which provide the stability for this type of framing system. This has caused tensile problems and resulted in wall splay. The principal rafters are exposed and form a visual part of the truss system. They intersect the truss at the ridge rib. The truss system has iron rods encased in the wooden members, the rafters are of wood. Non-structural plaster vaulting ribs spring from decorative plaster corbels on the side walls. These cross the vaulted ceiling diagonally meeting the rib ridge at bosses. The latter takes the form of a crown of thorns. Hanging from the truss system are electric chandeliers which were installed after the church was built. The original lighting was gas.

The nave is divided in half by a center aisle with a set of pews to each side. The pews are of oak, stained walnut. Along the wall are the original radiators. These are still in use today. Also in place are the Stations of the Cross, given by Mrs. Hamilton Morton and Mrs. Edward Lockwood, two of the first parishioners. The stained glass windows are not original, but with their quarrelled panes and beautiful colors, they blend well with the church. Niches in the front wall of the church over the side altars have been removed because they were out of proportion with the rest of the church.

The sanctuary is set in an arched recess and is flanked by small anterooms. One of these rooms is used as the baptistry, the other as an entry from the sacristy located in the rear wing. Originally, one of these side rooms was used by the priest for vesting. Lancet-shaped doorways lead to these anterooms. The hood mould of the arch which forms the sanctuary springs from the capitals of plaster columns. Blind rectangular panels cover the ceiling of the sanctuary ending at the heavy cornice. The cornice, column, hood mould, the corbels on the side walls, and the vault ribbing are all formed out of plaster and painted to simulate walnut. Repainting and regraining was done quite effectively in 1973 by a firm of professional church restorationists from Baltimore. Original stenciling and painting is visible in the attic space over the sanctuary anterooms.

The main altar is set against the plain rear wall of the sanctuary. It is very elaborate with many Gothic details. It was installed in 1926. The small altar in front was made from pieces of an old altar found on the property and was fashioned to blend with the main altar. On the front of each of its uprights are engaged Gothic columns. It is conceivable that part of the original altar of St. Joseph's is contained in this small one.

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The choir loft is in the rear of the church. It is supported by iron columns grained to simulate wood. Two stairs located in the front corners of the church lead to it and the confessionals are located beneath it.

St. Joseph's Church is set on a landscaped lot with a residential area to the east and south, and a commercial area to the north and west.



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Stevens. Miller & CO.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Although some of its first parishioners found "the design and proportion of the church...disappointing," St. Joseph's Church in Middletown is one of the most pleasing examples of Gothic Revival ecclesiastical architecture in Delaware. Unlike so many of its contemporaries, it has retained its original features and scale. St. Joseph's was built in 1883-84 as a mission church of St. Francis Xavier, better known as "Old Bohemia." The latter, called the "Cradle of Catholicism on the Eastern Shore," ironically, is now a mission church of St. Joseph's. For Stevens, Miller and Company, St. Joseph's provided probably their first attempt at building in the Gothic style. Well-known locally for their work on some of the finer frame, Italianate-Greek Revival peach houses, they chose wood as their building material for St. Joseph's.

St. Joseph's is certainly worthy of note architecturally. It embodies many of the purely Gothic forms, while blending in some of the stylistic elements most popular for the area in which it is built. Scharf's <u>History of Delaware</u> (1888) describes St. Joseph's as a "neat frame structure, Gothic in style, sixty-two by thirty-two feet with spire and bell...." Some of its Gothic forms include the steeply-pitched roof, the narrow lancet windows, and the vaulted ceiling with its vaulting ribs. Scharf mentions the church's spire; however, it is more a belfry than the tall, slender spire so often associated with Gothic architecture. The Italianate influence is represented by the heavy brackets located along the roofline on each end of the building.

The establishment of St. Joseph's came almost two hundred years after the establishment of its mother church, "Old Bohemia," about six miles to the west. In 1855, began a series of events which would shape the history of the parish. In that year came the establishment of the Delaware Railroad in Middletown, bringing with it a rapid population growth. Instrumental in the establishment of the parish were Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Morton, who settled in Middletown in the early 1870's. They came from the area served by "Old Bohemia" and Jesuit priests were frequent visitors when traveling by train. Urged by the latter, they established a Sunday School in their home, teaching catechism and bible history. In 1875, mass began to be offered at their home on alternate Sundays. Finding the space inadequate, the use of the Academy was secured by Edward W. Lockwood, a converted Catholic and member of the school's board of trustees. Several other sites were alternately used, but none proved satisfactory. Mrs. Morton urged the congregation to build its own church. She was supported in her cause by John B. Gaffney, S. J., who was serving the area at the time. Assisted

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by Mrs. Edward Lockwood, Mrs. Morton began to collect money towards her goal. Initially, \$300 was collected and a building lot purchased from Edwin R. Cochran. In October of 1883, the contract for building the church was awarded; the cost would be \$3500.

The obstacles encountered by those first parishioners must have seemed overwhelming. Foremost among these, and the most difficult to overcome, was the intensity of religious prejudice. But as the building of the church progressed, the townspeople experienced a change of heart; some even contributed to the building fund. Bishop Becker celebrated the mass of dedication on October 5, 1884. For a short time the parish prospered. However, the disease which blighted the peach crop in 1886, and so significantly damaged the commercial base of the Middletown area, had its effect on the parish. From 1890 until after World War II, the parish struggled for existence. Then in the 1960's, the dwindling parish began to experience prosperity once again due to a population growth based on local industrialization and urban sprawl.

It is due to its hiatus of prosperity that St. Joseph's owes its excellent architectural preservation. The current prosperity and growth of the parish place it in a somewhat endangered position of abandonment or unsympathetic expansion. Therefore, it is important to recognize it as a locally significant expression of Gothicrevival ecclesiastical architecture.



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