

ST. PETER'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

AL-VI-D-130  
Church Street, Westernport  
1871

The St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church consists of a single story, three bay wide, rectangular shaped facade. The church was built in 1871 and replaced an old ramshackle building that was originally used as the place of worship. This first church building was purchased in 1854 and by 1868, the congregation had grown large enough to merit construction of the permanent present church.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Church Street

CITY, TOWN

Westernport

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegheny

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Roman Catholic Diocese

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegheny County Courthouse

Liber #: 18

Folio #: 686

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church is located on Church Street in Westernport, Allegany County.

St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church is a single, three bay wide, rectangular building. The building was originally constructed of brick laid in American Common Bond but has since been covered with stucco. It is designed around an apsidal plan and rests on a high cut stone foundation with a beveled water table. The roof is gabled with pedimented cornice and is covered with replaced asphalt shingles. An extension tower is located on the south facade. Windows in the structure are stained glass lights that are pilastered and arcaded. A belt course is located in the central tower and features a vertically paneled door with a large fanlight. The door was originally flanked by two pilasters and topped by a pediment. However, today it is covered by a one bay gable-roofed entrance porch. The tower has two small arcaded and pilastered windows on its southern facade. Originally it was topped by a louvered belfry and a spire. The spire has since been removed and louvered belfry now features a single gothic style louvered windows on each of its four sides. Each window has a hoodmould with a keystone and is flanked by two battlements which alternate with four peaked parapets. The church originally had four corbeled brick chimneys located in the interior of the building. At present a single stucco covered chimney is left.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
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<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 checked="" 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
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<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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

As early as 1849 Catholic Redemptorist priests from Cumberland had begun to minister to the population in and around the town of Westernport. The influx of Irish and Italian miners to the Westernport area prompted Father Michael Slattery, pastor from Frostburg, to begin making regular trips to Westernport. By 1854 his congregation had purchased land and a ramshackle building which they planned to use as a church. Eventually this original building was enlarged to accomodate the growing congregation and was known as Father Slattery's Cathedral. After one unsuccessful land pruchase, Father Slattery bought land on the Maryland side of the Potomac in Westernport. On this property Father Slattery built the first Catholic Chruch in Westernport. In years later, this original frame structure was converted to St. Peter's School. By 1868 the con-gregation had grown large enough to merit the construction of a permanent building. Ground was broken for the building on August 9, 1870 and the cornerstone was laid on April 16, 1871. The new church, including the pews and altars, one of which was constructed of green marble imported from Ireland, was \$25,000.00.

St. Peter's Church, along with its convent and school have served the community of Westernport for over 100 years. The church building itself remained essentially unchanged until 1921 when the church underwent a significant amount of re-decorating.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland 21502

"St. Peter's Church Westernport-Centennial Celebration", 1971

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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 COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson and Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

3/29/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

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.

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

INVENTORY NO. AL-VI-D-130

18/686 1860  
100'x130'

DATE: 3/29/77

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church 359-0639-Convent

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Church Street, Westernport 359-9832

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South-Renovted 1955

NAME OF OWNER: Roman Cahtolic Diocese

ADDRESS: Baltimore, Maryland 21201

STORIES: 1(X) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3(X) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- ( ) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- ( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- ( ) IOG
- (X) Other: Coverings Stucco

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILLASTERS, OTHERS

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, REVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other(X)Stain Glass Gothic  
pegged ( ) nailed( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Southwest/in tower w/lowvered belfry  
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original( ) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable(X) 1 bay

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK( ) STONE( ) CORBELLED( ) Stucco original(X) replaced ( )  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end(X) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior ( )

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Church  
Significance - Religion/Architecture  
Date Constructed - 1871  
Condition - Good

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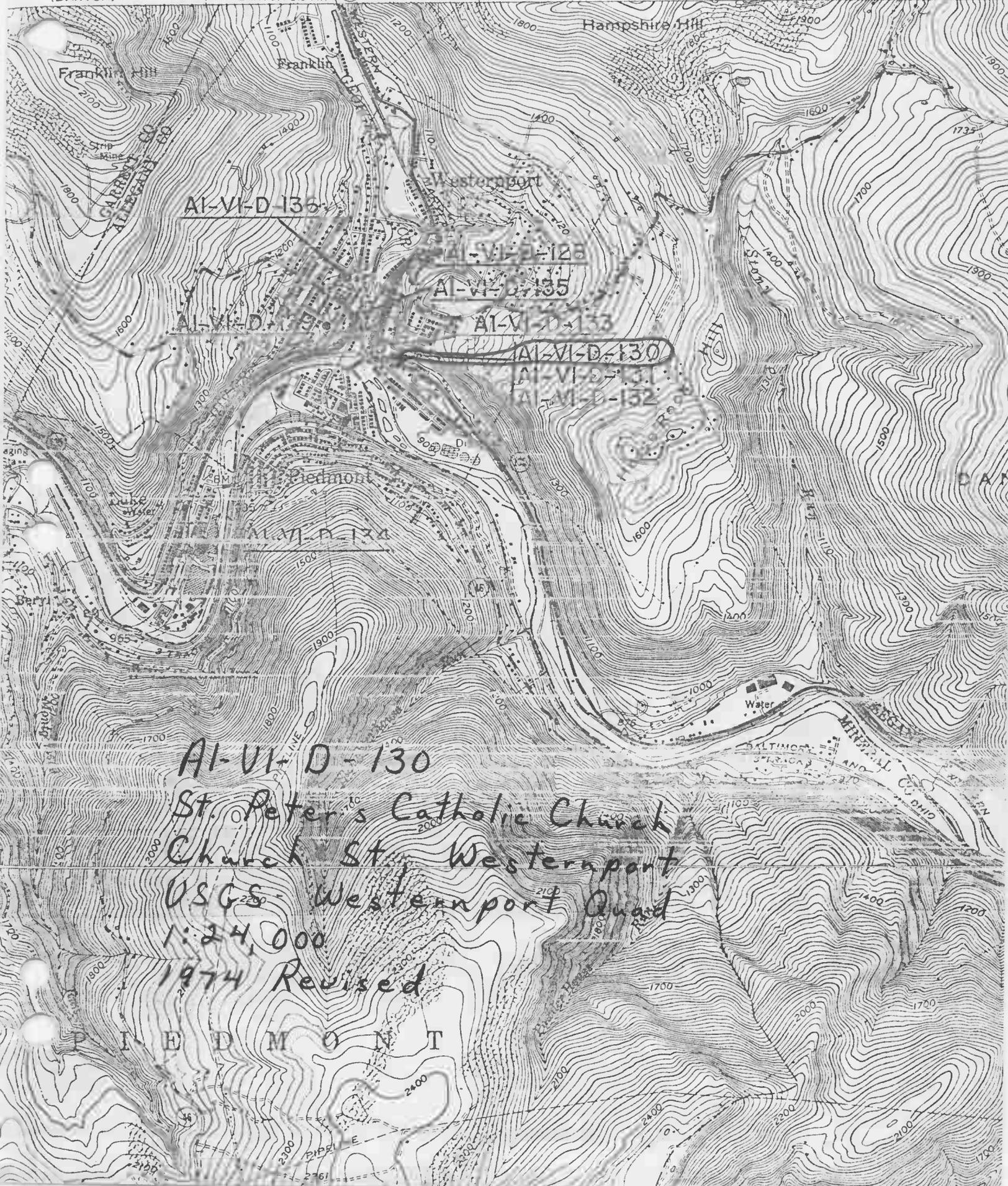
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Church St. Westernport

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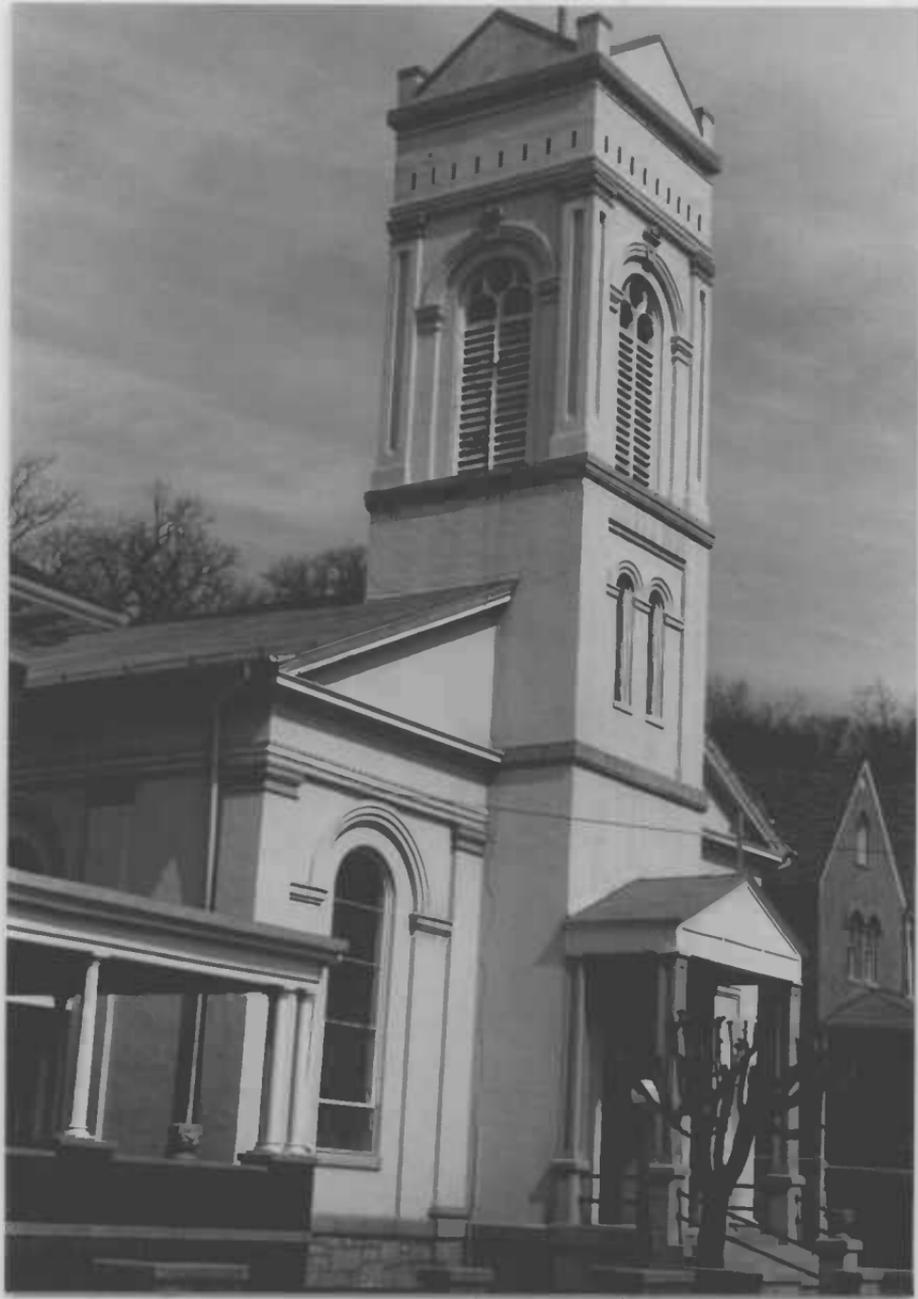
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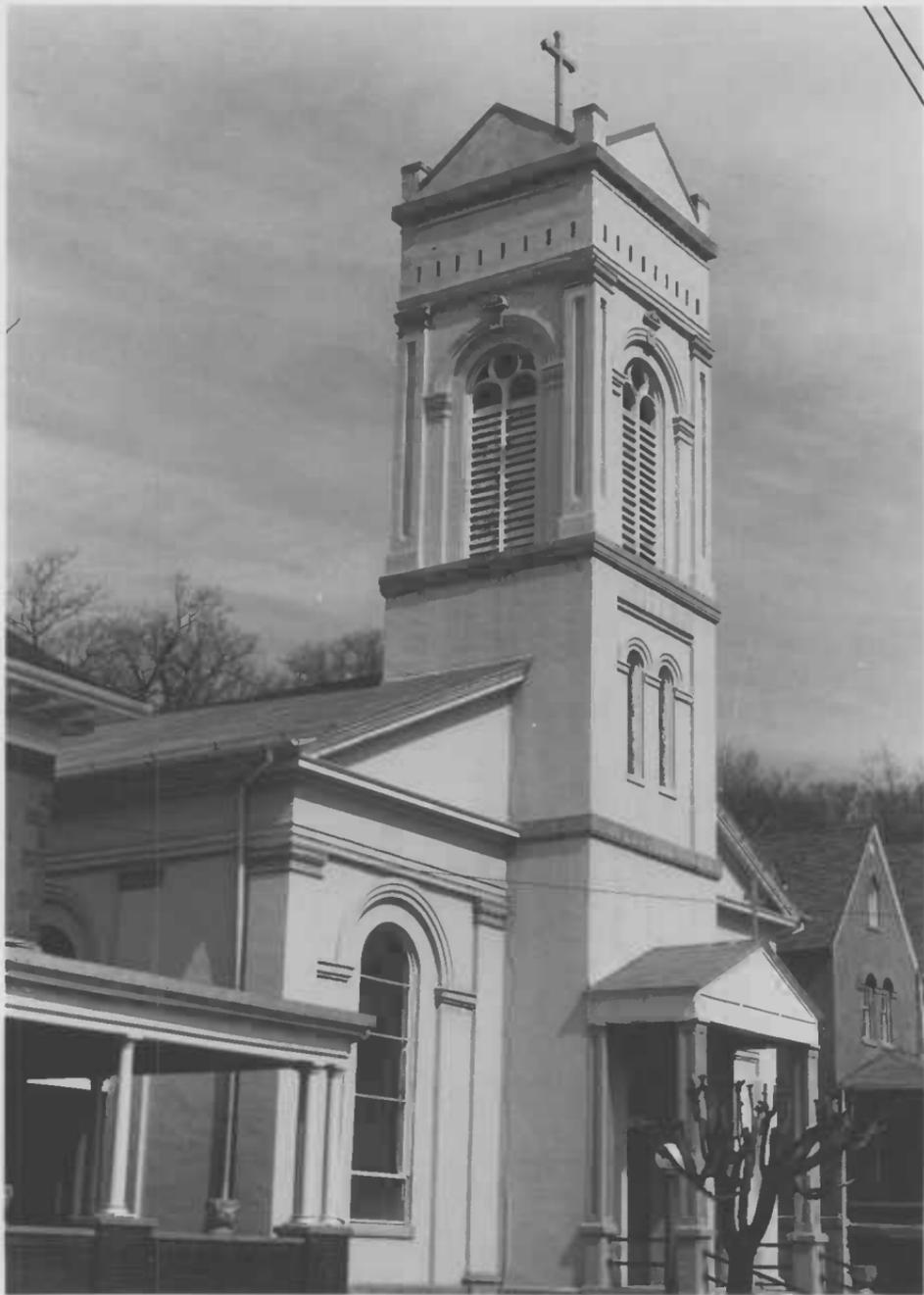


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3/29/1977 - John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

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