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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC

Taneytown

St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Taneytown is the oldest Catholic congregation outside of Westminster. The three-bay by five-bay brick structure with central tower, decorative brickwork, and open belfry arches was built in 1876, third in line of formal worship buildings in the history of the Taneytown parish. The first priests and organizers of the congregation were from the Conewago settlement in Pennsylvania which was established as early as 1720.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC St. Joseph's Catholic

AND/OR COMMON St. Joseph's Catholic

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 148 Frederick Street (MD 194)

CITY, TOWN Taneytown CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1

STATE Maryland VICINITY OF

COUNTY Carroll

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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 St. Joseph's Catholic Church Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER 148 Frederick Street

CITY, TOWN Taneytown VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland, 21787

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Carroll County Office Bldg. (exempt office)

Liber #: Folio #: NONE

STREET & NUMBER 225 North Center Street

CITY, TOWN 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 type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE <u>1876</u>
<input checked="" 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

EXTERIOR

The church stands level with Maryland Route 194 to Keymar, facing south/east, four to five yards from that road. It is surrounded by it's own graveyard. The three-bay wide, five-bay long brick structure of American Bond sits on a coursed low stone foundation. Stained glass windows are framed with pointed arch plainly trimmed window frames with wood bases. Only the front facade has protruding pted. arch brickwork on the upper half of each window.

A front tower and belfry project from the facade. At mid-tower is a round, brick-framed window and on either side of the tower is a thin rectangular, very decorative stained glass window. The tower itself is a brick structure with much decorative brickwork; corbelled pilasters and cornice. Work of this nature is seen on the face of the entire structure. The belfry roof with pointed open arches on each of the four sides makes use of intricate, slate, shingle work. These pointed arches have decorative wooden railings. The tower and belfry is topped with a cross.

The wooden gable roof of St. Joseph's is covered with slate shingle and has no projecting cornice; rather, decorative corbelled bricks which from wall to roof progress softly. This is true around the entire structure. Side walls have projecting brickwork which including corbelled cornice work and pilastered columns, frame each bay. The foundation protrudes from the wall where brick pilaster does.

The back wall of the church (north/west) is connected with a recent gable roof section of the same brickwork and decoration, but four to five feet shorter. The exposed four to five feet of the original back wall is covered with slate shingle.

There is one single, south/west exterior chimney. The surface of the church appears sandblasted.

Each end of the front facade has an extended four-sided brick column with a four sided hip-roof-pointed.

INTERIOR

The front door enters into a small narthex area which is the central section of a three-part rectangular south/east end. On the southernmost side of the narthex is a room 5-6 pews deep which faces the altar. The northernmost side of the narthex is the confessional area. Interior stairs lead to an open choir area above this back section. The choir is enclosed with a railing. There are two identical central supports for the choir.

The nave is 14-pews deep with a central and side aisles. The walls are plaster with contemporary panelled wainscot. Everything in view is contemporary, walls, pews, floor, lights. The plaster ceiling meets in the center to form a low pyramid-shaped outline.

The chancel area is elevated and is enclosed by a short railing with heavy decorative balusters, and a central opening. The central, main altar is set within a semi-circular alcove area with a quarter-dome ceiling. The walls here are also plaster.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<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 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	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<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 1876

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Carroll County, in many instances, appears to have been a refuge for many creeds, including the Catholics. In 1796 the first St. Joseph's in Taneytown was built by priests from Conewago, who had previously established a mission here.

Background: Circa 1720 Catholicism was introduced into Pennsylvania by a Rev. F. Greaon among others in the Conewago Valley region where Hanover today is the central point. German and Irish Catholics settled in the area. In the colonial home of one Robert Owings, the first mass was said, religious instruction given, and the rites of the Church performed. This continued until 1741 when the Chapel of the Sacred Heart was built four miles west of Hanover, in Adams County.

As far back as 1790 there are records of masses conducted in homes in Taneytown by priests from Conewago. Some early Catholic... names are Taney, Boyle, Diffendale, Brookes, and Elders. In 1796 Mr. Brookes built the first Catholic Church in Taneytown at his own expense. It was of bricks made near the town. The first priest, one Father Galletzers was located for a time at Conewago before he came to Taneytown; he left about 1799. From 1799 to 1804 Taneytown was once again attended to by different Conewago priests until in 1804 a Rev. Nicholas Zocchi, born in Rome in 1773, was appointed pastor.* He served for 41 years. From then to the present various itinerant and permanent priests have served. In 1804 the priests of Conewago built another brick structure for worship, and finally in 1876 the present 40' by 70' church was built when the former was torn down. The 1876 brick structure was erected by one Father Gloyd who raised the necessary construction fund before building began. He was at Taneytown from 1862-1869, when he went to Westminster which was then head of the Mission. St. Joseph's in Taneytown stands today as the earliest congregation representing Catholicism outside of Westminster.

Taneytown itself is the oldest town in Carroll County, and was laid out circa 1750 by Frederick Taney who came from Calvert County. He was a Catholic himself and a relative of Roger B. Taney, also a Catholic, and the late Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Roger was married in 1806 by Father Zocchi of the Taneytown parish to Anne Key (sister of Francis).

* Father Zocchi was born, educated, and ordained in Italy, the latter in Milan. He was also Pastor of a "charge" (parish) in West Virginia and Westminster, Md., and is said to have been a priest of exceptional abilities.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Feb. 5, 1937 "Catholic Churches in Carroll County" The Democratic Advocate.
 "The Taneytown Catholic Church" by J. Leland Jordan (research paper).

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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	Maryland	COUNTY	Carroll
STATE		COUNTY	

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

Fall 1978

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

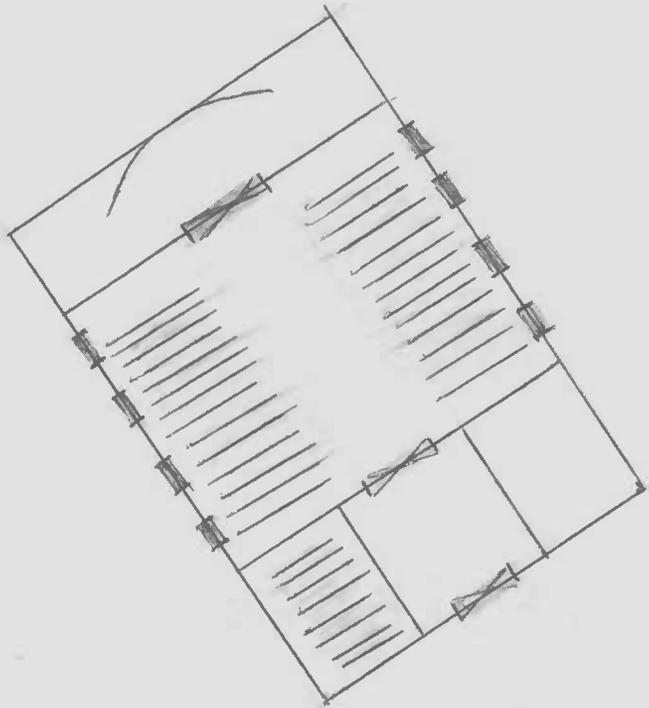
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