BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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YOUR NAME: __Town of Islip/SPLIA__   DATE: __March 1990__

YOUR ADDRESS: __Town Hall, 655 Main St.
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ORGANIZATION (if any): __Dept. of Planning, Housing, and Development__

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IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME(S): __St. John Nepomucene Church__
2. COUNTY: __Suffolk__   TOWN/CITY __Islip__   VILLAGE: __Bohemia__
3. STREET LOCATION: __1150 Locust Ave.__
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐   b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: _____   ADDRESS: _____
6. USE: Original: __church__   Present: __church__
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒   No ☐
   Interior accessible: Explain __by app't.__

DESCRIPTION
8. BUILDING   a. clapboard ☐   b. stone ☐   c. brick ☐   d. board and batten ☐
   MATERIAL: e. cobblestone ☐   f. shingles ☐   g. stucco ☒   other: _____

9. STRUCTURAL   a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☐
   SYSTEM: b. wood frame with light members ☒
   (if known)   c. masonry load bearing walls ☐
                   d. metal (explain) _____
                   e. other _____

10. CONDITION: a. excellent ☒   b. good ☐   c. fair ☐   d. deteriorated ☐
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site ☒   b. moved ☐   if so, when? _____
    c. list major alterations and dates (if known):
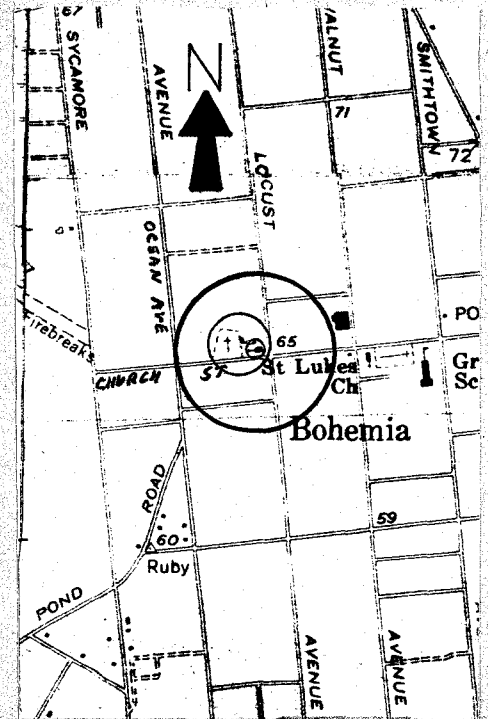
    Enlarged 1922: windows Gothicized, stucco added, structure extended
    19 feet.

12. PHOTO: Neg. KK XXI-7, fm. E/SE   13. MAP: NYS DOT Patchogue Quad

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14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known ☒   b. zoning ☐   c. roads ☐
    d. developers ☐   e. deterioration ☐
    f. other: _____

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY: cemetery to west
    a. barn ☐   b. carriage house ☐   c. garage ☐
    d. privy ☐   e. shed ☐   f. greenhouse ☐
    g. shop ☐   h. gardens ☐
    i. landscape features: ___large pines___
    j. other: ___rectory, convent, and newer church to north

16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING   (check more than one if necessary):
    a. open land ☐   b. woodland ☐
    c. scattered buildings ☐
    d. densely built-up ☐   e. commercial ☐
    f. industrial ☐   g. residential ☒
    h. other: _____

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
    (Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

    St. John's Church is located in a residential neighborhood of detached
    houses of varying age. The church property extends along Locust Avenue
    to the north from Church Street and includes a newer, larger church
    building.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
    St. John's Church is a small, 1½ story, stucco, gable roof building with
    a large square louvered belfry under a pyramidal roof. The gable end
    facing Locust Avenue is plain stucco. The double leaf entrance door is
    protected by a gable roof with timber brackets. Windows on the nave
    walls are in the Gothic pointed arch style.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ___Church and Cemetery - 1885___

    ARCHITECT: _____

    BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

    St. John Nepomucene Church was started as a mission in 1869. In 1885
    Mr. Alexander Wallis gave a five acre parcel for a small 36' x 20'
    chapel and cemetery. In 1919 it became a separate parish and the chapel
    was enlarged in 1922. In 1927 the Parochial School was built.

    The rectory (Form BO 18A) was originally a private house. It was
    purchased for $9,000 in the early 1920's. The convent, which was also
    a private home, was purchased for $8,000 in the mid 1920's.

21. SOURCES:

    Dickerson, Charles. A History of the Sayville Community, 1975.
    History of Bohemia, 1985.

22. THEME:

    Research by Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities - KEK

St. John's Church before enlargement and facade renovation.

Korten Photograph, c. 1909, Coll. Nassau County Museum Library.