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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip DATE: 8/25/75

YOUR ADDRESS: Town Hall 655 Main St. Islip, L.I., N.Y. 11751 TELEPHONE: 516-581-2000

ORGANIZATION (if any): Dept. of Planning, Housing, & Development

IDENTIFICATION

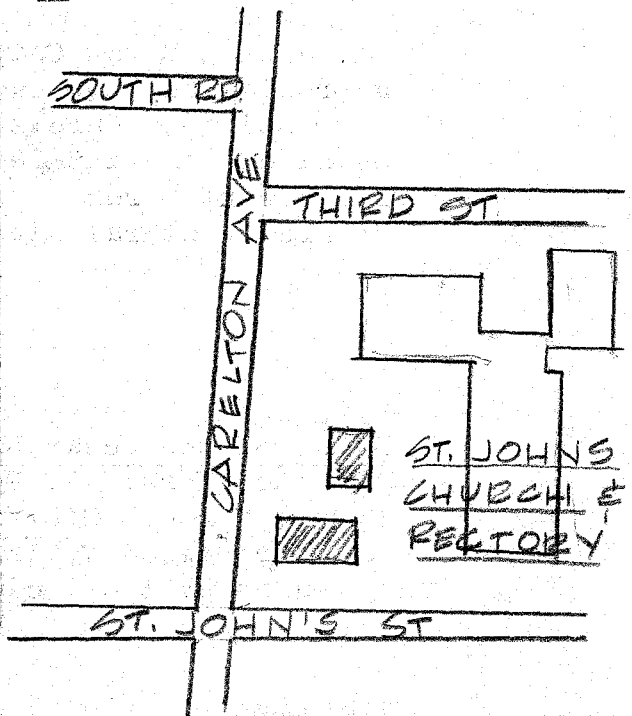
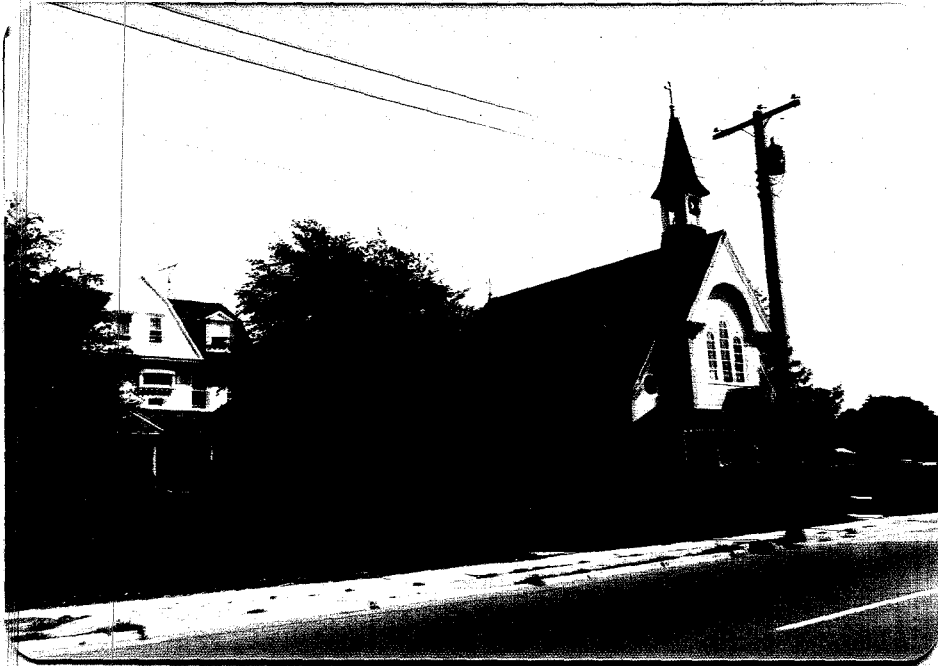
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): St. John's Catholic Church & Parish House
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Central Islip
- 3. STREET LOCATION: #84 Carleton Ave. (E side S. of Third Avenue)
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: _____ ADDRESS: _____
- 6. USE: Original: Church Present: Church
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain _____

DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints
b. wood frame with light members
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): _____

12. PHOTO: Negative No. D-10

13. MAP: 



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

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:
a. barn b. carriage house c. garage
d. privy e. shed f. greenhouse
g. shop h. gardens
i. landscape features: _____
j. other: School building

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 Roman Catholic Church building is set close to Carleton Avenue. The rectory is set back North of the church. There is a large school complex further North to the rear of the property.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
Church: Shingled belfry with steeple. Gabled arched overhang supported by brackets. Round headed triple windows. Circular stained glass windows flanking center bay. Hipped roof porch. Triangular dormers in roof with eyebrow windows. Rectory: Gambrel roof to sides. Cross gable to front. Triple window with molded center panel in cross gable. Pedimented dormers from roof.

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: Dentils under gable. Eave level cornice.
Original windows with Gothic tracery. Hipped roof porch with
ARCHITECT: Pedimented center entrance. Small rectangular stained
BUILDER: glass window with dentils

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:
St. John's Roman Catholic Church and Rectory were both built at approximately the same time circa 1904. They form a handsome composition on Carleton Avenue. They both are very highly detailed. An interesting feature is the repetition of the hipped roof front porch on both the church and the Rectory. They are of architectural significance locally.

21. SOURCES:
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made to the original structures since that time. The first meetings of the society were held in the school which was shared with the Episcopalians. This latter group started as a mission of St. Mark's Church of Islip in 1869. When the Episcopalians built their church they called it the Church of the Messiah. In recent years the Catholics have erected a beautiful church, and also have a parochial school.

The public school district was organized in 1858 and became a Union Free School district in 1865. The high school is now located on the same property.

Two miles north of Central Islip is Hauppauge, part of which is in the town of Smithtown. It is a beautiful little rural community located at the headwaters of the Nissequogue River. The pioneer settlers were the Wheeler family and for a long time the place was called the "Wheeler Settlement." In 1874 there were 250 inhabitants and seventy years later there were but 574. This community has a Methodist Church, built in 1806.

A little to the west of Central Islip is the pretty village of Brentwood. In 1853 a group of intellectuals here founded Modern Times, laid out in blocks of four acres each. For a number of years this venture flourished but when the leaders passed away, the end soon followed. Josiah Warren, the leader, inventor of the cylinder press, was described by a newspaper as the first American Anarchist. Dr. Minnie Merton, the niece of Samuel B. Morse, built her own home in Brentwood. In 1864 the village name was changed to Brentwood. Today it has a public school, library and other community organizations. Here is located St. Joseph's Academy, established in 1895, Ross's Sanitorium, started in 1890, and the modern Pilgrim State Hospital, which cost over thirty million dollars.

West Islip occupies the sites of two Colonial estates, Willett and Van Courtlandt. In the 1890s the Wagstaffs, Colts, Stevens, Remsens, Hydes, Keiths, Sillimans, Arnolds and Higbys lived here but today hardly any of these families remain. The first public school was started in 1807 in a building on the Merrick Road. The second one, a one-room affair, was built on Higbie lane in 1835. Since then two others have been erected. In 1853, the records show that a George M. Bishop taught the school which then had an enrollment of thirty-three, at a salary of seventy-five dollars a year. In 1870 there were about four hundred people dwelling in this community. Today there are over 2000. It has a number of factories but no railroad station nor post office.

There are three incorporated villages in the town of Islip—Brightwaters, Ocean Beach and Saltaire. All three started as developments. Brightwaters is a restricted area which is mostly residential. It has a beautiful park, yacht basin and waterways owned by the village. Ocean Beach, across the Great South Bay from Bay Shore, is a summer resort. In the winter there are less than a hundred people there where in the summer over 3000 make their homes. Saltaire is also a popular summer resort on the ocean front.

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