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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Holy Trinity Church Historic: same
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: ________________________ COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 361 Main Street
4. OWNER(S): Society of the Church of the Holy Trinity PUBLIC X PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Church Historic: same
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: x yes no
   Interior accessible: x yes, explain religious services no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Gothic Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1871-74
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   _ clapboard _ asbestos siding _ brick
   _ wood shingle _ asphalt siding _ fieldstone
   _ board & batten _ stucco _ cobblestone
   _ aluminum siding _ concrete: type: _ cut stone: type: brownstone
   _ other:
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   _ wood frame: _ post and beam _ balloon
   _ load bearing masonry _ structural iron or steel
   _ other:
10. ROOF: type:
    _ x gable s _ flat _ mansard _ monitor _ sawtooth
     _ gambrel _ shed _ x hip tower _ round _ other
     _ material:
     _ wood shingle _ roll asphalt _ tin _ slate
     _ asphalt shingle _ built up _ tile _ other:
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 1 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 61'x110'; rear wing 64'x70'
12. CONDITION: Structural:
    _ excellent _ x good _ fair _ x deteriorated
    Exterior:
    _ excellent _ x good _ fair _ deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: _ x on original site _ moved, when:
    Alterations: _ x yes, explain: Minor interior redecoration; Parish House wing
    _ no _ added in 1898
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    _ barn _ shed _ garage _ other landscape features or buildings: playground
    _ carriage house _ shop _ x garden
    _ open land _ woodland _ residential _ scattered buildings visible from site
    _ commercial _ industrial _ rural _ high building density
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This Gothic Church faces east from the west side of Main Street on the central block between Court and Washington Streets. It is set back from the street with a lawn in front. Its substantial appearance, emphasized by the sombre tones of the heavy brownstone construction, contrasts greatly with the flat facades
(see continuation sheet)
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

Altar and reredos (screen) (Charles Haight, architect; J. Massey Rind, sculptor)

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: Henry Dudley Builder: McConochie, Moore, & Mylchreest

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: The Episcopal Church in Middletown had its beginnings as early as 1724. Unlike many Colonial Anglican Churches it was firmly committed to the patriot cause during the Revolution. This is the third meeting house of the Church of the Holy Trinity, which was formally established as Christ Church in 1750. Several of its ministers have become Bishops, including Abraham Jarvis, John Williams, and E. Campion Acheson.

This church was built in 1870-74. Henry Dudley was the architect and the firm of McConochie, Moor, & Mylchreest was the prime contractor. Constructed of local brownstone, this church displays a symmetrically arranged facade with a buttressed bell tower at the southeast corner. A large rose tracery window is the dominant decorative feature of this facade, which also displays arched and lancet windows. The tower lacks a spire but features narrow arched windows which emphasize its verticality, and echo the fenestration of the facades. The interior displays elaborate tracery trusses supported on cast iron posts. The present altar and reredos were added around 1892 and were designed by Charles Haight of New York.

PHOTOGRAPH

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

X none known highway vandalism developers other:

renewal private deterioration zoning explanation:
and brightly decorated storefronts on Main Street.

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In the two decades following the Civil War, a number of institutional buildings were constructed in the Gothic Revival style in Middletown. The design of this church is representative of that pattern.
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