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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with **a summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

Summary Paragraph

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church is a brick Victorian Gothic Revival style church with sandstone trim featuring tracery and pointed arched stained glass windows and entrances, asymmetrical elevation, including a bell tower located at the southeast corner of Third Street SE and South Avenue SE in Massillon. John B. Verment (1841-1911) was the architect of the church and the builder was John Minehart. The current St. Joseph's was completed in 1892 and is located in a primarily residential neighborhood adjacent to downtown and nearby several other historic religious properties dating to the same period. St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1875-1905, (NR 1979) is located within one mile of St. Joseph's on Cherry Street NE. One block north on Third Street is St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 1892-93 (NR 1979). Another block north on Third Street is the First United Methodist Church, 1895, (NR 1985).

The nominated property includes an early 20th century period revival style two-story rectory dating to the 1920s. The rectory is located adjacent to the north of the church and faces Third Street. To the rear of the rectory building along an unnamed alley is a one-story, flat-roofed brick garage. The Church and rectory building are contributing resources and the garage is considered non-contributing.

Not included in the nominated boundary are two additional buildings of later dates and separated from the church and rectory by a parking lot. The two buildings include a convent built in 1957 and a school built in 1961, the original school was built in 1865 and is no longer standing. Both of these buildings were built by the Firestone and Matter Company of Canton, Ohio. The former convent now serves as the parish office with meeting rooms.

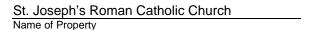
Narrative Description

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church displays the late 19th century Victorian Gothic Revival style through its red brick exterior resting on a raised basement of rusticated sandstone with watertable and further accented with contrasting sandstone trim details that include sandstone window sills, pointed arched lintels, stone banding, and smooth stone buttress caps and brick corbelling along the roofline. The main façade faces southeast and features a steeply pitched gable roof and a square corner tower balanced by a slender buttressed pinnacle positioned between the main central entrance and the right end entrance. The façade features three entrances all with brick and sandstone steps with iron railings – the main center doorway has a steeply pitched pointed arched sandstone surround with recessed columns, scored voussiors and decorative carved medallion and trefoil. The double wood doors are carved and have pointed arched stained glass windows and transom. The other two entrances are to the left (in the corner tower) and to the right of the main entrance. They both feature sandstone pointed arched surrounds similarly detailed, but more modest, to the center entrance. Above the center entrance is a pointed arched stain glass window with tracery. In the apex of the gable is the stone carved statue of Saint Joseph positioned on a stone pedestal within a pointed arched niche flanked by two smaller arched niches. The original slate roof shingles were removed in the 1950s and replaced with the current cementitious tiles.

The square corner tower features entrances (described above) on both the southeast and west side. The tower has brick buttresses with sandstone caps, single and paired lancet windows and tall, narrow louvered openings at the top of the bell tower. The original tall steeple was struck by lightning in the 1950s and replaced by a more modern interpretation that was not in scale with the tower. In 2008 this 1950s era steeple was replaced with the current stone spirelets and battlements (based upon original designs of these features) during a project to strengthen the corner tower. The work was completed by the Chambers, Murphy and Burge architectural firm of Akron, Ohio.

The west elevation is six bays (counting the corner tower entrance) with two-story pointed arched stained glass windows with rusticated lintels, smooth stone sills, and tracery. The original stained glass windows were designed by the H.F. Petgen Art Glass Works of Pittsburgh, PA. The windows are spaced between brick buttresses with stone caps. The fifth bay is the left transept also featuring a similarly detailed stained glass window, buttresses, stone banding, corbelling and a small pointed arched louvered opening. The transept projection has a basement level entrance and a corner doorway facing southeast.

The east elevation has six bays with similar window and transept configuration and details to the west elevation, except for the first bay which three levels of a single pointed arched window, a small pair of pointed arched windows, a tall narrow stained glass window with tracery (with similar detailing to the other larger windows) and a stained glass round window in a small side gable. The transept entrance has a newer handicap accessible ramp leading to it.



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The north elevation features the semipolygonal apse with the brick corbelling, buttresses with stone caps and tall narrow pointed arched windows as detailed in the rest of the church. New stained glass windows were installed in the apse in 2003 (designed by Radiant Arts, Inc. of Beach City, OH). The apse is flanked by one-story brick projections with brick corbelling, steeply pitched roofs, corner buttresses and small pointed arched side windows. Projecting out of the back wall of the church and extending over the roofs of both projections and to the ground are incompatible metal ductwork (appears to be reversible).

The interior presents a Latin cross plan with a large open sanctuary with a pointed, ribbed vaulted ceiling and pointed arches at the niches and chancel. The transept and window bays are defined by stylized fan vaults. The interior retains original architectural features including elaborately carved reredo and statuary. A very sensitive and sympathetic reconfiguration of the chancel furnishings, in order to conform to post-Vatican II liturgical standards, was completed in the 1980s.

These changes primarily placed the altar closer to the people and the priest faced the congregants while celebrating the Mass. The altar rail seen in the 1912 photograph was removed in 1968. The current altar, ambo, baptismal font, tabernacle table, and lighting were designed and manufactured in Italy. The side altar reredos were removed due to wood damage.

The choir loft features a large stained glass window. Two smaller windows are located in the upper rear corner area and are enclosed by an ornamental iron screen

The two-story Rectory, built in 1922-1924 was designed by Cleveland architect William Coehl and displays a hipped roof, center entrance with round-arched trellised entry portico and paired multi-paned windows. This building replaced a 19th century wood frame Queen Anne style property. The interior of the Rectory was remodeled in 2004.

Overall the church retains the character-defining architectural features and details, materials, and craftsmanship to convey its architectural signficance as a late 19th century Victorian Gothic ethnic parish church reflecting the design and workmanship of the local architect and stonecarver John B. Verment.

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| or Natio | onal Register listing) | Architecture |
| A | Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history. | |
| В | Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past. | |
| C | Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high | |
| | artistic values, or represents a significant | Period of Significance |
| | and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction. | 1892-1924 |
| D | Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history. | Significant Dates |
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| ХА | owed by a religious institution or used for religious purposes. | |
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| c | a birthplace or grave. | |
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| E | a reconstructed building, object, or structure. | Architect/Builder |
| F | a commemorative property. | Verment, John Baptist, architect (aka Vermont) Minehart, John, builder |
| G | less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years. | |

ⁱ Massillon City Directories for 1904 and 1909 list Vermont, John B., architect

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Period of Significance (justification)

Period of Significance begins with the construction of the current historic church building and ends with the construction of the Rectory.

Criteria Consideratons (explanation, if necessary)

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church meets Criteria Consideration A because its primary significance is for its Victorian Gothic architecture reflecting the work of local architect/stone carver John B. Verment.

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (provide a summary paragraph that includes level of signficance and applicable criteria)

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church is nominated under Criterion C for its significance as a representation of 19th century religious architecture in Massillon, Ohio. Built in 1892 St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church is an ethnic parish church designed in the Victorian Gothic style highlighted by its polychromatic treatment of dark red brick and sandstone trim and carved details, assymetrical corner tower, pointed arched windows and doorways, brick corbelling, buttressess, interior rib vaulted niches and chancel and fan vaulting in transepts. These stylistic and architectural features reflect the work of the local architect and stonecarver John B. Verment.

Narrative Statement of Significance (provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance)

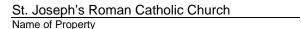
St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church was designed by architect John B. Verment (1841-1911). Mr. Verment was born in Belfort Haut-Rhine, France, where he was educated and formally trained as an architect. Working there, he is credited with designing several churches and a seminary at Zillisheim. Immigrating to the United States in 1873, he attended Notre Dame University in Indiana to learn English. He moved to Massillon in 1878 and his first known work there is with Dayton architect Leon Beaver on the design of St. Mary's Church in Massillon. Verment is credited with sculpturing stonework at St. Mary's and also the Massillon Cemetery building (1879). In 1891 he designed the new church of St. Joseph's. Evidence of payment to Mr. Verment is in the parish records of 1891. Stone foundations were laid in the fall of that year. The structure was completed in April of 1892.

St. Joseph's exhibits Victorian Gothic stylistic characteristics in its asymmetrical elevation with prominent corner bell tower. The exterior is defined by large stained glass windows with pointed arched openings and tracery, brick buttresses with stone cap and pointed arched entrances. Significant architectural features also include brick corbelling and carved medallions and trefoils. The interior presents a large open sanctuary with rib vaulted ceiling and pointed arches at the niches and chancel. The transepts and window bays are defined by stylized fan vaults.

Mr. Verment later designed a building similar to St. Joseph's for St. Mary's Church in Marion, Ohio in 1898. Sandusky, Monroeville, Toledo, and Canton also claim churches and schools designed by John B. Verment. His known religious designs, including St. Joseph's in Massillon, all show the visual complexity of late 19th century church architecture displaying the distinctive features associated with the Victorian Gothic style. St. Joseph's in Massillon and later St. Mary's in Marion, Ohio both show his use of the asymmetrical massing of the corner tower and his use of the cruciform plan with side transepts; while St. Joseph's in Monroeville (1873-74) and St. Hedwig's in Toledo (1907) present basilica plans with a distinctive tower forming a central focal point to the facades. All examples show his use of the style's emphasis on verticality with steeply pitched roofs, pointed arched windows and entrances, spires and pinnacles, and vaulted ceilings; and its characteristic visual excitement through polychromatic exterior finishes, typically dark brick and lighter sandstone to create decorative banding, highlighting windows and entrances, and defining corners and elevations with buttresses and corbelling.

Developmental history/additional historic context information (if appropriate)

The city of Massillon was formed at the convergence of the Tuscarawas River and Sippo Creek as a canal-based business center. Irish-born William Henry settled in Stark County in 1807 to chart the state road from Canton to Mansfield, Ohio. It was the Treaty of Fort Industry in 1805 that opened the region west of the Tuscarawas for settlement. Irish and German immigrants and New England sheep-raisers arrived and began the development of the canal. James Duncan purchased land on the east bank of the Tuscarawas River and established a dry goods store and gristmill. The plat known as Massillon was recorded on July 17, 1826. Duncan's wife, Eliza Vilette Duncan, chose the name *Massillon*. Her choice



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was stimulated by the sermons of Jean Baptiste Massillon, an Oratorian Bishop of Clermont in 1717. The Ohio-Erie canal from Cleveland to Portsmouth, Ohio became the hub of activity in the fledgling town. By 1836, the population of Massillon exceeded 1000; by 1890 the population was 10,092. Nineteenth century Massillon residents were predominately German, Irish, Welsh and of New England heritage. Beginning in 1899 with labor shortages in the growing local steel industry saw a rise in immigrants from southern, central and eastern Europe.

As the community grew, the immigrants built elegant mansions and stately churches. St. Mary's, St. Timothy's, St. Joseph's, and the First United Methodist churches were among these, as were the now-historic Five Oaks and Spring Hill Mansions. From the naming of Massillon after a bishop, to the worship of the founders, the city's churches were then and have remained vibrant houses of worship for the people of Massillon as the city grew and prospered. Among the early settlers, Thomas Rotch and his wife Charity were Quakers; William Henry, a Methodist; and Duncan, an Episcopalian. Duncan served as a member of the vestry of St. Timothy's in 1837. The Germans and Irish built St. Mary's Catholic Church in 1852.

Following a devastating fire that destroyed the sanctuary of the predominately German Catholic St. Mary's Church, a group of Irish parishioners petitioned Bishop Rappe in 1852 for a new parish church. He granted their request and St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church was established as a mission for the English-speaking Irish Catholic community of Massillon. The congregation built and occupied a small building on Erie Street in downtown Massillon until their first church was finished in 1864. When the parish outgrew that church, the current structure was built. The former church building was demolished in 1906. The current St. Joseph's, designed by John Verment and built by John Minehart, was completed in April 1892. Father Thomas Mahon was the pastor at that time.

Pew rents from the St. Joseph archives in late 1888 identify approximately 130 families of which 43 can readily be identified of Irish background: e.g. Kennedy, Leary, McGreal, and McCarthy to name a few. Twenty-one bore German names, indicating that some German families also joined the Irish to form St. Joseph's parish. It is difficult to establish the exact number of families since the pew rent was paid in several different amounts. Some people paid ahead and others were in arrears. Pew rent income on July 31, 1891 was \$1022.38 and on January 25, 1898 was \$274.50. On February 27, 1898, it was \$115.14. the average pew rent payment was between \$1.50 and \$2.50. Some people paid \$7.50, others \$10.00 at a time making it difficult to assess what would be normal pew rent. An estimate of the 1898 parish census from pew rents paid by various families would be close to 500 families at St. Joseph's. St. Mary's would have quite a few more families, nearing 600-800.

Other notable payments were made to the builder of St. Joseph's, John Minehart, of \$500 each on October 24 and November 7 of 1891. These payments were specifically listed as "foundation payments," likely indicating beginning of construction. These were the first of many payments to Mr. Minehart during various stages of construction.

Mr. John Verment, the architect, received partial payments, according to parish expenses of 1891 through 1893, amounting to a total of \$784 "for architectural plans." These payments begin on January 15, 1891 and culminated on June 27, 1893. Payments to the Petgen Company for the stained glass windows were made beginning on December 28, 1892 and ended on March 31, 1893. The total amount recorded was \$1847.35. No mention of a window designer was noted Payments are also recorded for many different contractors, one notably to the Tiffen Manufactury Company for pews (\$789) and a pulpit (\$100). An interesting item in the parish council minutes of December 31, 1892 listed an aggregate expense of \$23,865.52 for "construction of the church." Construction payments ended in 1893.

The neighborhood that is home to St. Joseph's also includes three nearby churches including St. Mary's Catholic Church (NR 1979), St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (NR 1979), and The First United Methodist Church (NR 1985). The Methodist Church is situated on the corner of Lincoln Way and Third Street SE. St. Timothy's is one block south on Third at the corner of Tremont, and St. Joseph's is one block farther south at the corner of South Street and Third Street SE. St. Mary's is on the corner of Cherry and First streets, just north of the Fourth Street Historic District (NR 1982). This historic area includes Five Oaks (NR 1973), now serving as the Massillon Women's Club and Spring Hill House (NR), the home of the Rotch family, reportedly served as a stop on the Underground Railroad. All of these properties are located within the historic area of northeast Ohio designated as the Ohio and Erie Canal Heritage Corridor.

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Photographs:

Submit clear and descriptive black and white photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map.

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City or Vicinity: Massillon

County: Stark State: OH

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Date Photographed: 2009

Description of Photograph(s) and number:

1 of 35. Black and white print of Fr. Thomas Mahon

2 of 35. Black and white print of first building, 1863

3 of 35. Black and white print of first Church, 1864

4 of 35. looking west from Parish Center (site of 1864 church)

5 of 35. historic photo of current church, 1894

6 of 35. current church, looking west

7 of 35. looking north along Third Street

8 of 35. front facade

9 of 35. front façade, looking north

10 of 35. façade showing three entrances

11 of 35. carved medallion and trefoil

12 of 35. buttressess with stone caps, brick corbelling

13 of 35. north elevation, apse windows

14 of 35. northeast corner of church

15 of 35. 1912 historic photo of interior (note communion rail)

16 of 35. ceiling

17 of 35. reredo and apse

18 of 35. interior from rear of church

19 of 35. interior, looking north from center entrance

20 of 35. looking from center of church

21 of 35. apse windows

22 of 35. original reredo

23 of 35. interior view of stained glass window

24 of 35. close-up of apse window

25 of 35. tabernacle table

26 of 35. baptismal font

27 of 35. main altar

28 of 35. looking toward rear of church and choir loft

29 of 35. choir loft windows

30 of 35. choir window and metal screen

31 of 35. large choir window

32 of 35. original rectory

33 of 35. current rectory

34 of 35. former convent

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