

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CON.EG
Historic Name:	Saint Bernard Roman Catholic Church Complex
Common Name:	Holy Family Roman Catholic Church Complex
Address:	
City/Town:	Concord
Village/Neighborhood:	Concord Center
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	
Use(s):	Church; Other Religious
Significance:	Architecture; Community Planning; Religion
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	



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FORM A - AREA

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Assessor's # USGS Quad Area(s) Form #s in Area
see data Concord EG see data sheet

Town Concord

Place (neighborhood or village) Concord Center

Name of Area St. Bernard
Parish Complex

Present Use institutional

Construction Dates or Period ca. 1739-1947

Overall Condition good

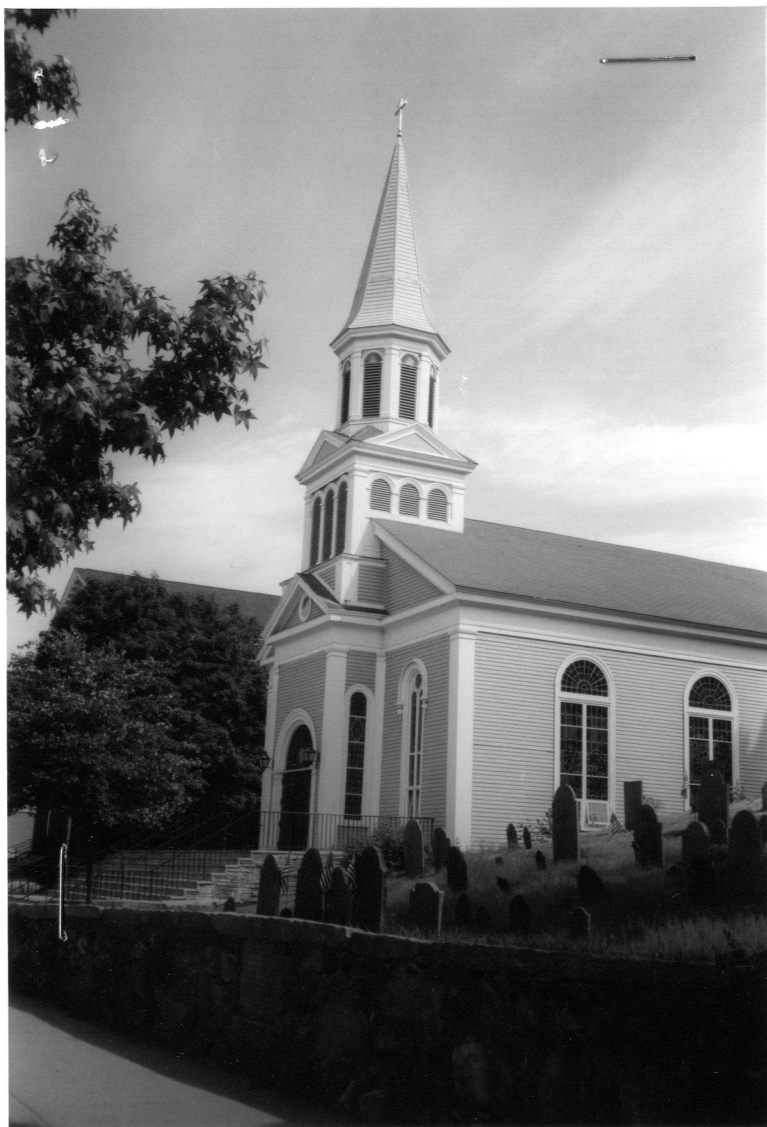
Major Intrusions and Alterations none

Acreage 2.55 acres (two lots total)

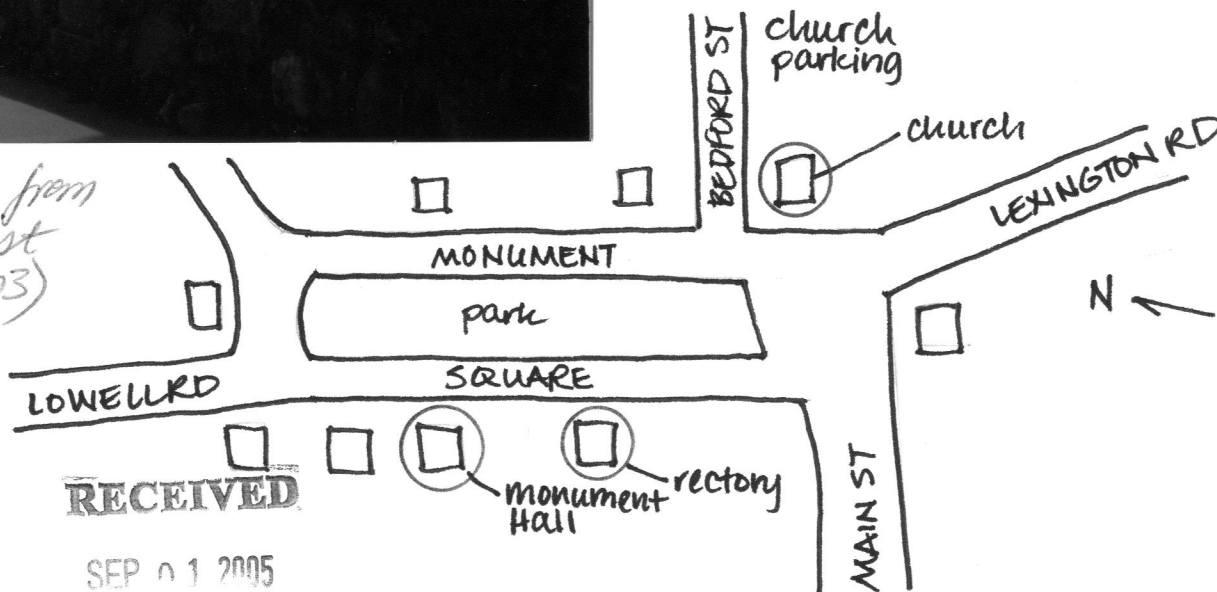
Recorded by Kathleen Kelly Broomer

Organization MHC

Date (month/year) June 2005



Church from
Southeast
(CON. 303)



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AREA FORM**St. Bernard Parish Complex, Concord****ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION** See continuation sheet

Describe architectural, structural, and landscape features and evaluate in terms of other areas within the community.

St. Bernard parish complex consists of three buildings on two discontinuous parcels of land fronting Monument Square at Concord Center. On the east side of Monument Square, at the corner of Bedford Street, is the Church of St. Bernard, 12 Monument Square (1840-1842/1889, MHC #303, photos 1-3). On the west side of the square, occupying a single parcel, are St. Bernard Rectory, 70 Monument Square (ca. 1739/ca. 1789/1870, MHC #330, photos 4 and 5) and the parish center, known as Monument Hall, 60-62 Monument Square (1906/1947, MHC #331, photo 6). The two parcels total 2.55 acres. **All buildings in the St. Bernard parish complex are included in the North Bridge – Monument Square Historic District, a local historic district designated in 1973, and the Concord Monument Square – Lexington Road Historic District, listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1977.**

In addition, all buildings in the St. Bernard parish complex were inventoried in detail in 1996 by Anne Forbes, preservation consultant to the Concord Historical Commission. The church, rectory, and parish center are currently in good to excellent condition, with no deterioration observed from the public way. This inventory form provides updated photographs of the three buildings in the parish complex. According to Concord building permit files, the following improvements have been made to the buildings since they were inventoried in 1996:

Church of St. Bernard – Renovations to the worship space in 1996 were designed by Keefe Associates, Inc. of Boston. These renovations included the removal of the 1959-1960 front stair case with doorway to the lower church, and its replacement with a monumental stair that is more compatible with the historic character of the building.

St. Bernard Rectory – Replacement storm windows with a white baked enamel finish were installed in 2001.

Parish Center/Monument Hall – In 2000, window sash at the front of the hall were placed with Pella wood windows, and, on the side, with Pella aluminum-clad windows. The building was re-roofed with asphalt shingle in 2001.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE See continuation sheet

Explain historical development of area. Discuss how this area relates to the historical development of the community.

On October 10, 2004, the Archdiocese of Boston suppressed St. Bernard parish at Concord Center and Our Lady Help of Christians parish at West Concord. The two parishes were replaced by a single parish, known as Holy Family, with the former Church of St. Bernard as the designated worship space. The rectory and parish hall also are being used by Holy Family parish. The Archdiocese has not announced any plans to dispose of the former St. Bernard buildings.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES See continuation sheet

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston. "Suppressed Parishes (2004-2005)" www.rcab.org/bin/f.wk?rcab.info.suppressed.list. June 2005.

Recommended as a National Register district. If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

**Listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1977 (Concord Monument Square – Lexington Road Historic District John Eliot Historic District).
Also in the North Bridge – Monument Square Local Historic District, designated in 1973.**

St. Bernard Parish Complex (MHC Area EG)
Concord, Massachusetts

MHC #	Parcel	Historic Name	Street #	Street Name	Date	Style/Form	Photos
303	843	Church of St. Bernard (First Universalist Church)	12	Monument Square	1840-1842, 1889	Greek Rev./Italianate	1, 2, 3
331	1692	Monument Hall - St. Bernard Parish Center	60-62	Monument Square	1906, 1947	Colonial Revival Postwar Traditional	6
330	1692	St. Bernard Rectory (Middlesex County Officer and Jailer House)	70	Monument Square	ca. 1739, ca. 1865	altered Georgian, Second Empire	4, 5

Note: St. Bernard parish buildings now known as Holy Family Church, Rectory, and Parish Hall.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town

Property Address

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BOSTON, MA 02125

Concord

St. Bernard
Parish Complex
Form Number
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Area
EG



Church
from
Southwest
(CON-303)

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Church
from
Northeast
C-real
elevation)
(CON-303)

3

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Rectory
from
North
(CON:330)

4



Rectory
from
Northeast
(CON:330)

5

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Parish Hall from North (CON.331)