

## The Churches of St. Marys

The Churches of St. Marys have always assumed a prominent place in the life of the town. As the dwellings of the first settlers progressed from simple log structures to stone, so too did their religious meeting places. Advancing in prosperity over the years, the townspeople contributed to the building of the impressive edifices of stone and brick which now adorn the crests of the hills about town.

Significantly enough, many of the town's churches are located on Church Street, and a brief tour of the street will satisfy any visitor to town who admires the splendid stone work of the stone masons and builders of the 19th century. Doors are usually open in most of the buildings and visitors should not hesitate to take a glimpse of the church interiors.

### St. Marys Presbyterian Church

The present Gothic Church structure was built of the finest stone and has been in use since 1881. It is one of the two outstanding edifices which dominate the townscape in the north ward on Widder Street. (The other is the Roman Catholic Church). Regular Sunday service is at 11 a.m. and joint summer services are held with the United Church. During August 1980 Sunday service will be at the United Church. Rev. Vernon Tozer is the minister. Renovations to the stone walls which surround the church property were completed in 1978.

### First Baptist Church

Located on Church Street South, just a block from the town hall, this solid brick house of worship holds morning service every Sunday at 11 a.m. Sunday School is at 10 a.m. The building has been in constant use since 1902. Pastor is Rev. Keith Fox.

### Holy Name of Mary Church

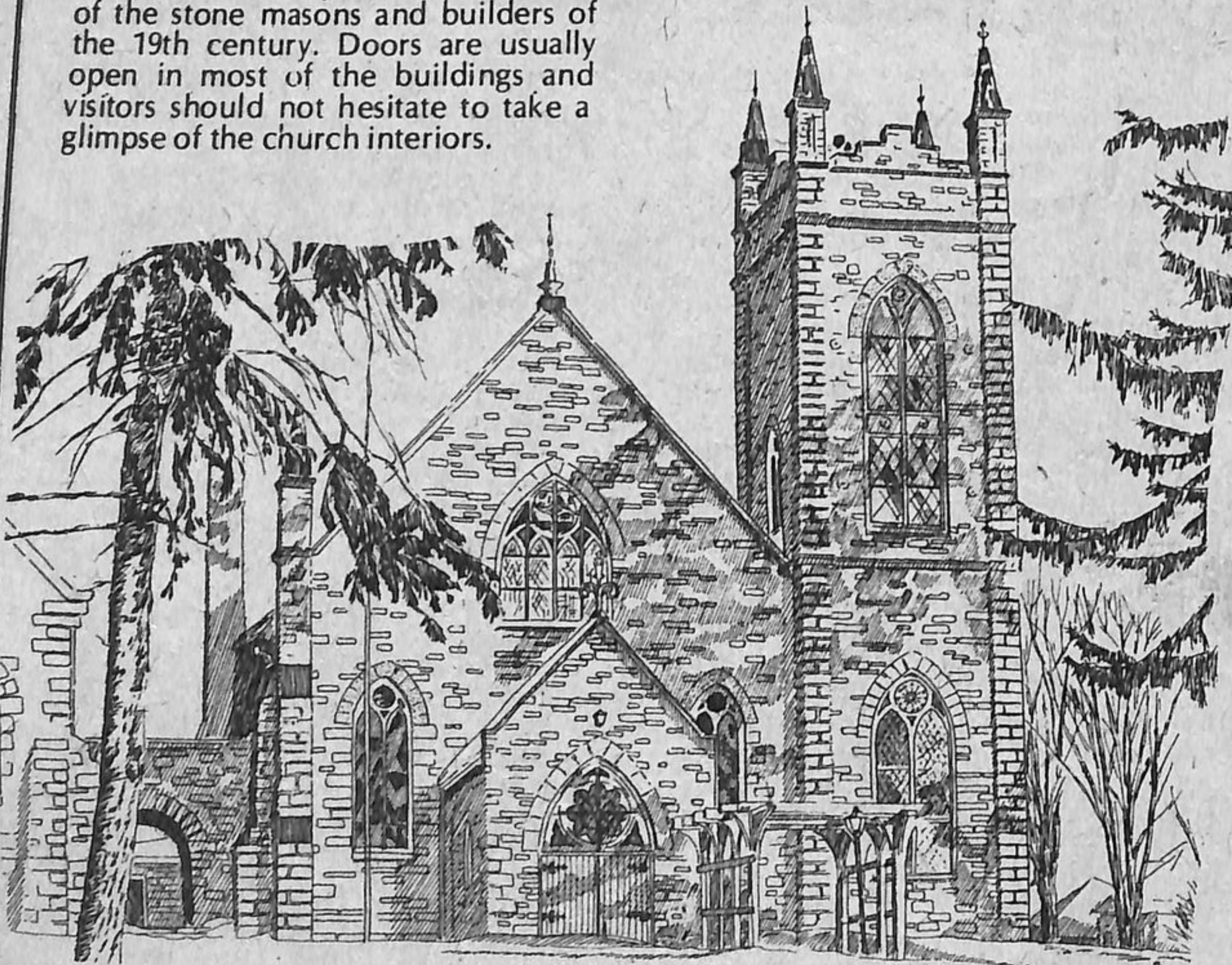
The splendid stone structure on Widder Street overlooking the town from the north was completed in 1892. It was the successor to a number of small buildings, the first Roman Catholic mission being established in St. Marys in 1852. Rev. Fr. C. Fitzgerald is the parish priest and Masses are celebrated at 9 a.m. and at 11 a.m. every Sunday. There is also a Saturday evening Mass at 7:30 p.m.

### The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army serves the community well in its many roles of social service. Since 1913 meetings have been held in the Citadel at Queen and Peel streets, but structural problems in the building have made it necessary to hold meetings opposite the present building in the Oddfellows Hall. Sunday worship is at 11:15 a.m. and at 7 p.m. Lieutenant and Mrs. Alan Burke are the officers in charge. For more information call 284-2760.

### St. Marys Baptist Tabernacle

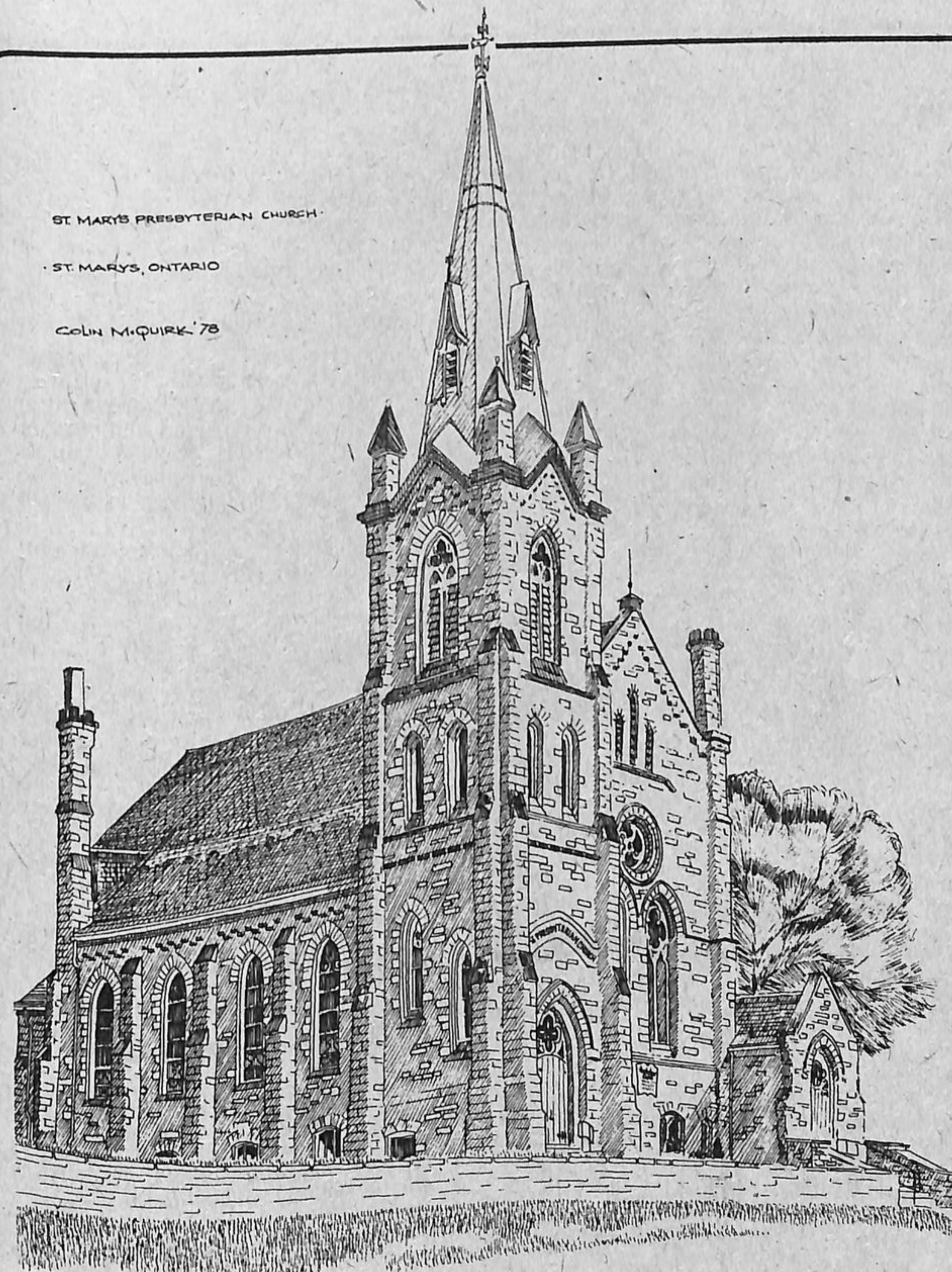
This attractive buff brick Church is on Queen St. West halfway up the hill from the stone bridge. Sunday services are held in the morning at 11 a.m. and evening at 7:30 p.m. There is also Bible School at 10 a.m. Before it was rebuilt, the building served as the Perth County Registry Office. Pastor B. Hisey is the minister and all are welcome to attend any of the services.



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### Grace Community Church

This St. Marys congregation, a member of the Associated Gospel Church plans a new building in the near future. It will be located on Queen St. East overlooking the Trout Creek valley. At present Sunday services are held at St. Marys Collegiate at 388 Elizabeth St. Sunday service is at 11 a.m. Call 284-2680 or 284-3820 for full information or assistance.

### St. Marys United Church

The church building was completed in 1879 at a cost of \$17,900. It's at the corner of Church and Elgin streets. Sunday service is at 11 a.m. normally, but in the summer service is at 10 a.m. In August 1980 the Presbyterian congregation will join with the United Church congregation for joint services on Sundays. The minister is Rev. William J. Moore. The congregation is one of the largest in the area.

### The Gospel Hall

This frame church on concrete block foundation is relatively small but serves its members well. Breaking of Bread is at 10:30 a.m. and Gospel Meetings are at 8 p.m. on Sundays. Visitors are always welcome and you can call Jack Woodside for more information at 284-3509. The church building is on Jones St. East, on the east side of town.

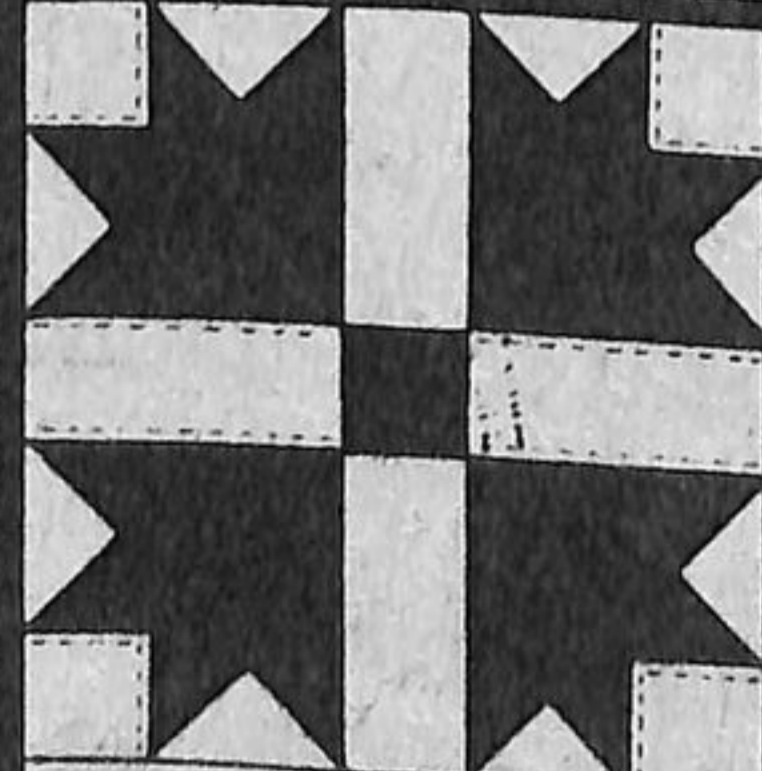
### St. James Anglican Church

A lovely limestone structure with copious areas of green lawn complementing its attractiveness, St. James offers Holy Communion each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and Morning Prayer at 11 a.m. Summer services during the months of July and August are at 10 a.m. Rev. Robert Birch is the rector. The church is located on Church St. The stone building dates from before 1858, but there have been many improvements since. The church tower was erected in 1886.

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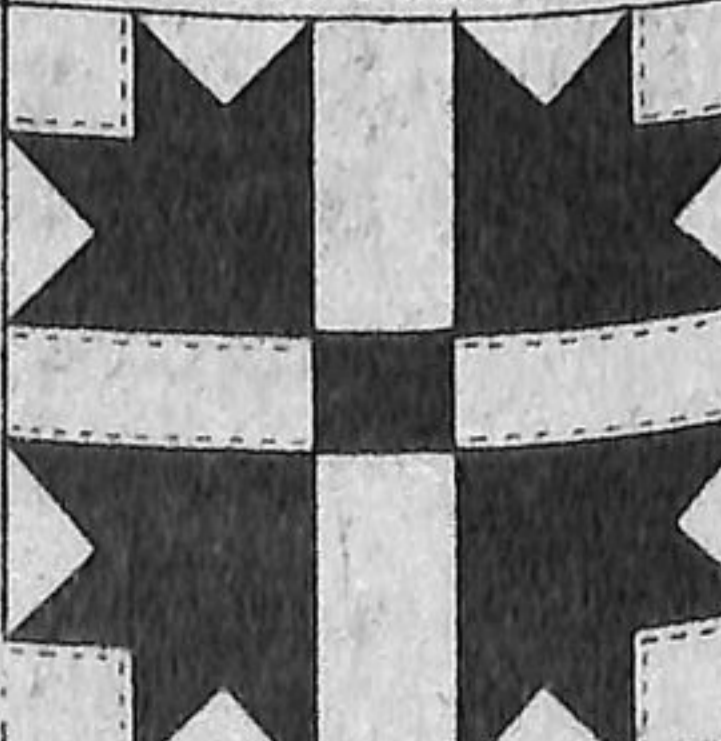
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