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ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1101 Bay Street, Staten Island

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Landmark Site: Staten Island Block 2827, Lot 20

The Historic Districts Council is the advocate for New York City's designated historic districts and neighborhoods meriting preservation.

St. Mary's sits prominently upon a hill, virtually intact since its construction in 1857, although its surroundings—suburban corporate infill encroaches upon it. It is the second oldest Roman Catholic Church on Staten Island. The church is an instant landmark in its red brick composition and tall central tower, its style elegantly rendered in a North Italian Romanesque style. Landmark status would preserve this 158 year old structure's place on Bay Street in case this property is ever sold, as the continued subdivision of Staten Island and loss of its history unfortunately prevails.