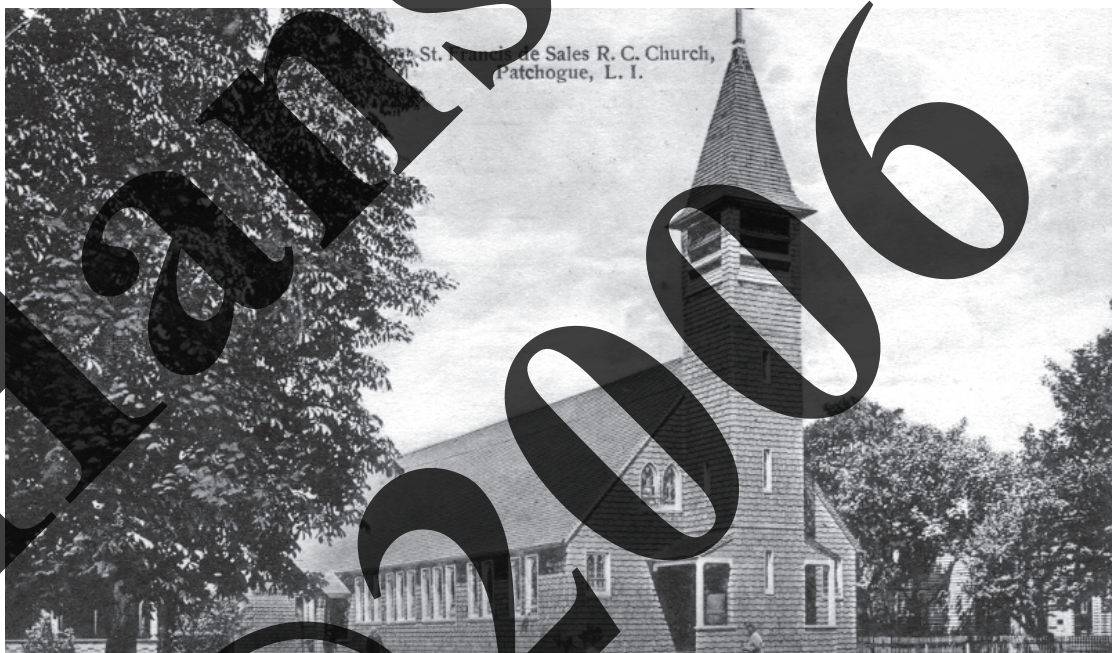




This is the St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church on the southeast corner of East Main Street and Conklin Avenue. The steeple of the church at this location was set to the side of the building. The Catholics originally purchased the old Methodist Church on West Main Street in 1854. In 1888, they built this new church. The church was dedicated on July 22, 1888.



Father Cronin, pastor of St. Francis de Sales, realized that the church on East Main Street was too far from the center of the village and decided to move it to the northwest corner of South Ocean Avenue and Amity Street. The church was moved on skids and rollers, starting on December 8, 1906. The moving process took three months during a bitter cold

winter. On March 7, 1907, the church was set on its new foundation. The steeple was placed in the center, as can be seen in this 1910 picture. The winter time was the preferred time to move buildings, because the horses and oxen, which provided the pulling power, were not needed for farm work.