The St. Mary's Church Rectory sits behind St. Mary's Church on Main Street. The rectory sits on a large lot and faces west onto Bidwell Square.
This asymmetrical, gable- and hip-roofed, Queen Anne-style building is the largest house on Bidwell Square. Its enclosed porch, bay window, double-hung windows, and north addition are modern alterations. Despite these changes, many original features still exist. Projecting from the southwest corner of the house is a turret with a bellcast roof. The turret extends away from the second floor revealing exposed rafter ends. The third-story window in the gable end repeats the pattern. Most prominent are the fishscales and stickwork found on all of the gable ends. Brackets highlight the vergeboard ends. Note the paired windows on the north end west elevations and the large brick chimney which rises from the hip roof. In the 1940s the porch was enclosed and in 1985 the rectory was renovated.

In 1874 Reverend Berman O'Reilly Sheridan of Burlington deeded the "Church of the Star of the Sea Corporation" the land on which St. Mary's Church and the rectory stands (FLR 65:31). The parish was first organized in 1857 by the Reverend Luke Daly and 100 members, but the church and rectory were not erected until 1876. In 1884 the 1876 church burned and the existing church building was constructed between 1884-86. The rectory was enlarged during the same years.

Although St. Mary's Church Rectory has undergone many alterations since its original construction, it is an important part of the late nineteenth-century history of Unionville through its association with the town's Irish-American citizens.

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