

Building for Ministry



The Schematic Design phase of the new Parish House Facility is complete. The goals of this phase were to provide sufficient detail to estimate project cost, develop floor plans and renderings, and ensure the parish needs were being met. Plans, models, and detailed reports will be available throughout January.

The design of the new Parish House follows directly from the “Preferred Direction” identified in the Master Plan of 2009. The design links Chapel and Church, guided foremost by a sense of stewardship toward those structures. The new Parish Hall in the center of the overall campus and the Library Wing increase fellowship, classroom and administrative space by 150 percent. To make room for the expansion, the River Street house will be moved. The design strategically re-uses the existing boiler room and elevator.

The exterior form of the new wing responds to the ecclesiastical architecture of the Church and Chapel. The new Parish Hall, a tall room with a peaked roof, refers to the geometry and detail of Pietro Belluschi’s Church. The new Library Wing echoes the

scale and rooflines of the Chapel, and aligns with the adjacent houses on River Street. Windows of narrow proportion relate to both the lancets of the Chapel and the vertical mullions of the Church. A wide separation between the Chapel and the new wing will expose the chapel windows presently covered by the old lobby, introducing abundant daylight into the Chapel. Similarly, a new cloister-like courtyard separates the Parish Hall from the Church, bringing daylight into both spaces, and providing enclosed indoor/outdoor space that opens from the Parish Hall.

The new Parish Hall, nearly twice as large as the current one, will accommodate 144 people seated, or 400 people standing, in a lofty, elegant room. Trinity currently can only hold functions of this size in the confined Undercroft. The Library Wing provides a Library, Parlor, offices, a large kitchen, and two large restrooms on the main floor. The lower level provides a nursery and 13 classrooms (versus 8 classrooms today) that connect to a new outdoor playground. A remodeled Undercroft also has expanded choir spaces and a music library.