

Blessed Trinity Baptist Church

Individual Landmark

131-137 West 129th Street



Blessed Trinity Baptist Church. Photo: Lorraine Colbert

Blessed Trinity Baptist Church is a religious service and apartment building between Adam Clayton Powell Jr. and Malcolm X Boulevards. Blessed Trinity Baptist Church was constructed in 1905, and its church building at 131 West 129th Street consists of three stories and a basement. The apartment building next door at 131-137 West 129th Street consists of six stories and a basement.

The exterior of Blessed Trinity Baptist Church is made of rough-cut stone painted beige at its partially exposed basement, beige smooth stone slabs on its first story, and beige brick at its second and third stories. The building's stoop is painted beige and curves up with mildly decorated black iron railings that lead to a red metal door with a transom. Above the door is a rounded hood, and this same design is replicated on the sill of the right-most window on the second story. The left-most window on the second story displays an elaborately decorated circular opening with stone carvings. The other windows have less elaborate detail and show the building's asymmetrical Romanesque style. The accompanying second story

windows have a mixture of classic triangular and rounded pediments, and the third story windows have arched lintels with center decoration. The building is topped with an elaborate dental cornice.

The exterior of the apartment building next door resembles the church with the Romanesque juxtaposition of materials. Rough-cut beige painted stone covers the partially exposed basement, beige smooth stone covers the first story, and beige brick covers the remaining upper stories. The building's stoop has several concrete stairs lined by brick on either side, and simple bracketed iron railings on top. The stoop leads to a red door mildly recessed into a large arch with beige painted engaged columns on either side, supporting a hooded curved balcony on the second story. The second story facade is lined with slim decorative patterns that run horizontally around it. The windows vary between having unique quadrilateral shaped lintels, simple bare lintels, classic triangular pediments, and rounded pediments. The apartment building is topped with a dark painted deep dental cornice.