

**St. Martin's Episcopal Church Rectory**

Individual Landmark

18 West 122nd Street

Designation Date: July 19, 1966



*St. Martin's Episcopal Church Rectory. Photo by Lorraine Colbert*

Saint Martin 's rectory adjoins the rear of St. Martin's Episcopal Church on West 122nd Street. This three and one half-story rugged Romanesque Revival building has great dignity and architectural character. The continuous second and third story window sills of the rectory are carried over into the church facade as smooth-faced horizontal band courses, and contrast most effectively with the bold-faced masonry of the walls. They are an integral part of the design of both buildings. The placement of the triple windows makes a very interesting composition and is indicative of the imagination of this creative and resourceful architect. The triple window in the gable above them is suitably reduced in width, with an attractive high central window flanked by low square headed ones.

The three structures comprising the rectory, the church and the parish house, portray a thoroughly harmonious ensemble of rugged masonry buildings. In fact, they combine to form the finest group of Romanesque Revival church buildings still standing in New York City.

The parish was organized in 1868. It was known as Holy Trinity Chapel and Holy Trinity Mission House, and was located on West 112th Street. The first church was built in 1870 on Fifth Avenue at the corner of East 125th Street. The present structure was consecrated in 1888. The name was changed to Saint Martin's in 1928.

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