

Saint Mark's Church | Washington, DC



28,311 SF

**Church
Historic Renovation
Historic Landmark
Addition
Kitchen**

A beloved symbol of continuity and evolution in Washington, DC, the Saint Mark's Episcopal Church has served its Capitol Hill community since the late 19th Century. Originally constructed in 1888, the church was expanded in 1926 with the addition of a parish hall wing. In 1972 it was listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Today, a historically conscientious renovation has updated the church's support spaces to better meet its current needs, while sensitively adding to the historic building envelope. The double height parish hall was split to create a second floor office suite and a fully underpinned basement was excavated for classrooms and meeting spaces. Moving the stairs and elevator allowed an enlarged lobby to serve as a breakout space for the existing nave. Where possible, original architectural elements were salvaged - the original timber trusses were repurposed as column covers and benches and the original maple flooring was reinstalled in the new rector's office - offering some continuity amidst the change. The completed project is a testament to the congregation's dedication to their church, a recognized landmark of the Nation's Capital.

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