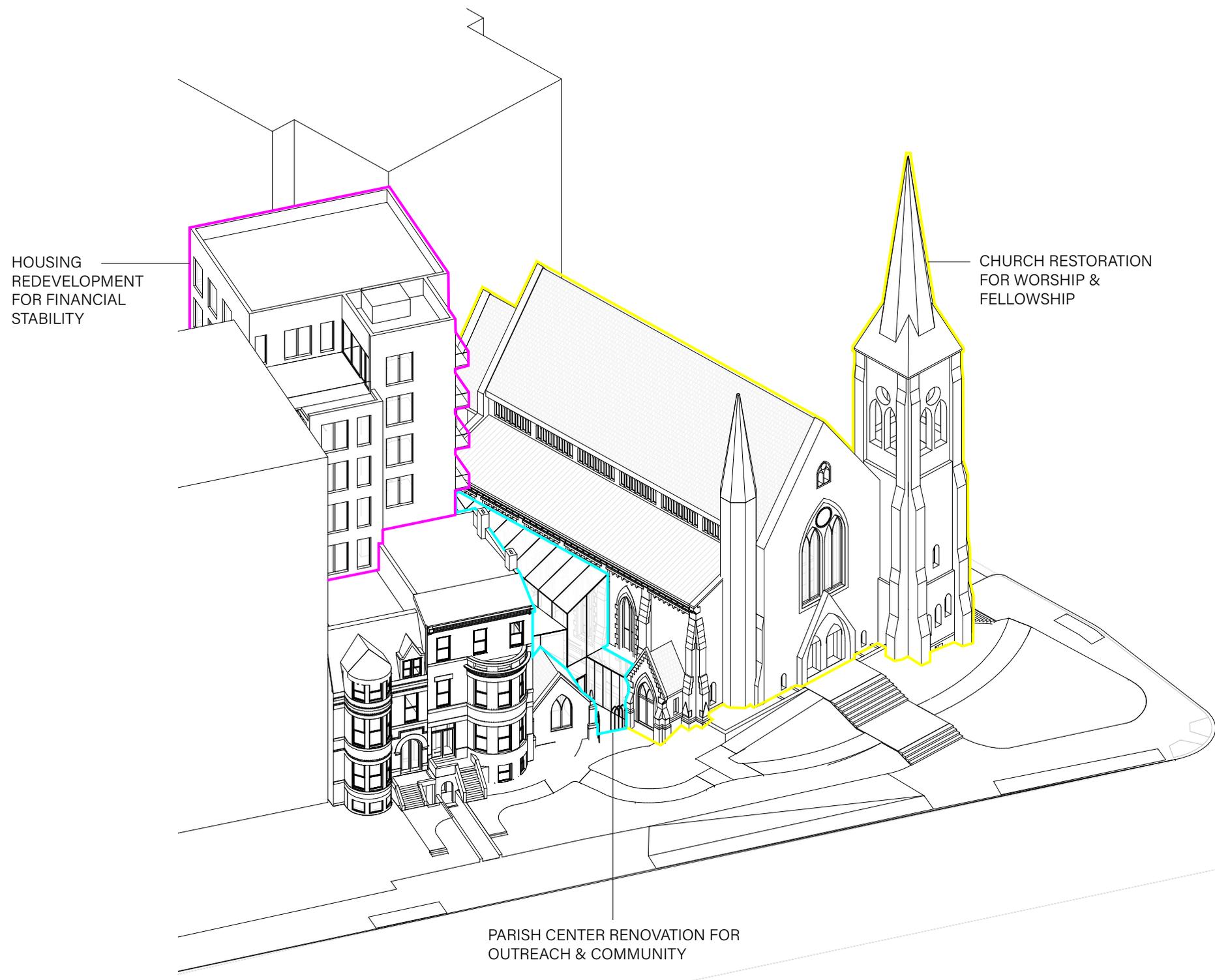


# CAN A CHURCH RESTORATION REVIVE ITS COMMUNITY?

## CHURCH OF ASCENSION AND ST. AGNES PARISH CENTER

The Church of the Ascension and Saint Agnes (ASA) is a cultural & architectural anchor at the corner of 12th Street NW and Massachusetts Avenue NW. The project implements a previous Master Plan whereby two elements – a Parish Center Renovation and a 35-unit Housing Redevelopment – provide for the restoration of the Church building and the ongoing financial stability of the parish.

At the Parish Center, 1960s-era infill between the church (aligned parallel to 12th St) and the rowhome next door (aligned perpendicular to Massachusetts Ave) is removed, restoring the wedge-shaped space to its original function – a lightwell for the church's western facade – plus much-needed program and circulation space. The project brings the church campus into full compliance with the ADA. Paramount to the design is the re-exposure of the church's western facade – to light, to passerby, and as an experiential presence in the daily use of the church.

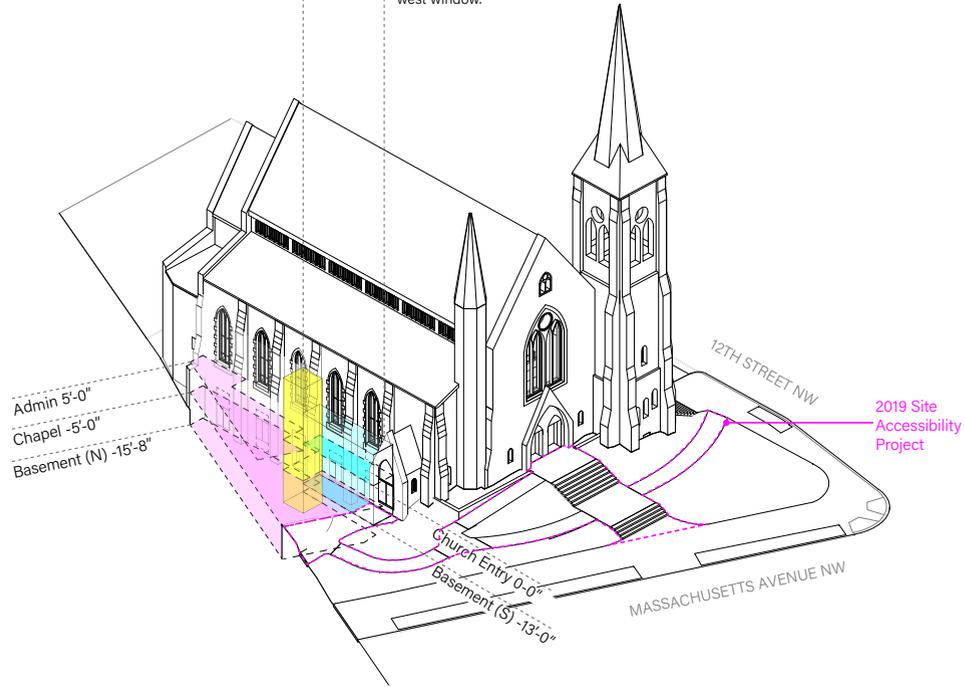




# PARISH CENTER DIAGRAM

A new elevator with 90-degree doors serves both basement levels, the chapel level, the sanctuary, and a new administrative level in the parish center.

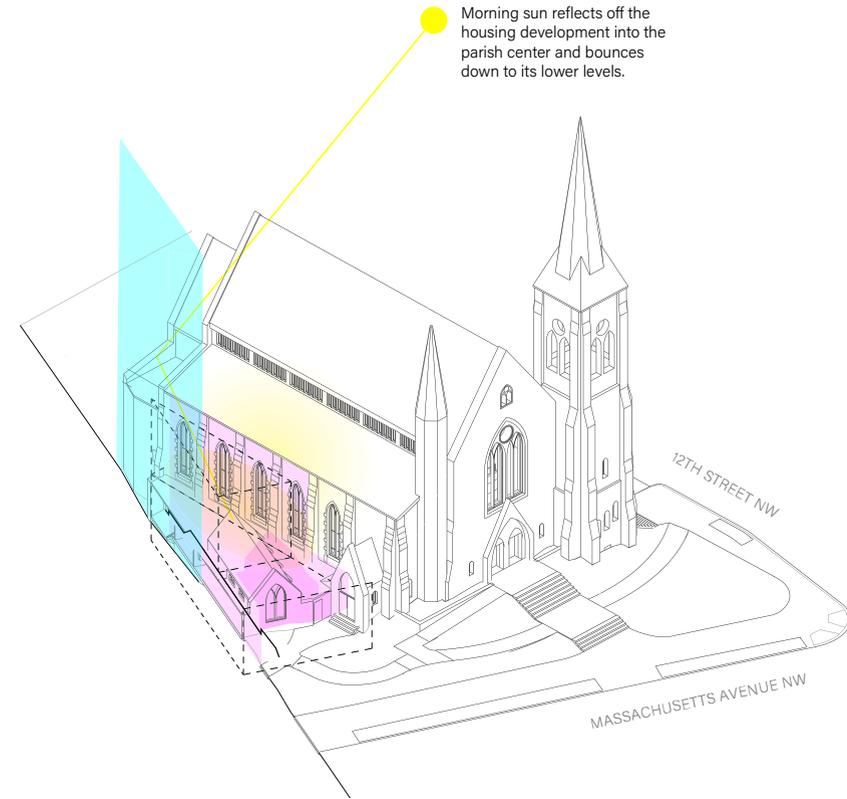
A bridge connects the elevator to the sanctuary via a new door under the southernmost west window.



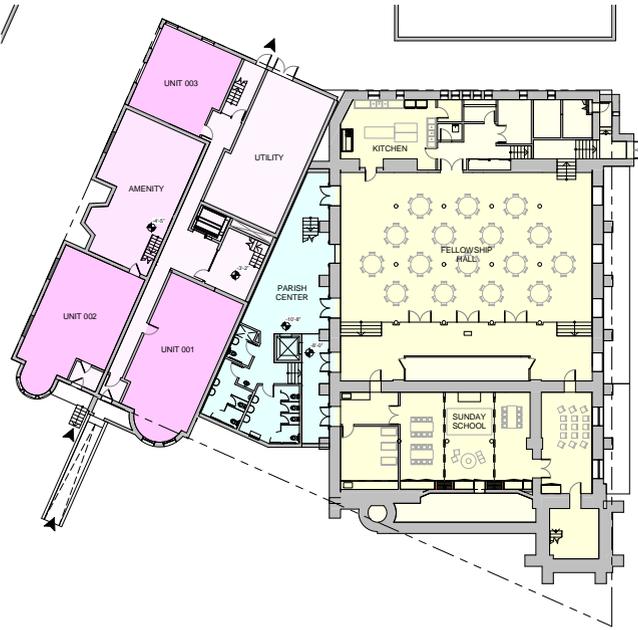
Afternoon sun filters into the sanctuary directly.



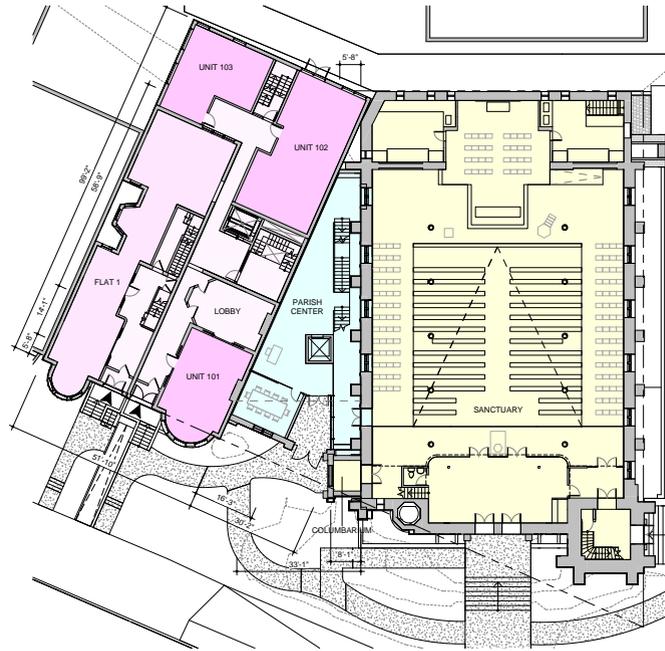
Morning sun reflects off the housing development into the parish center and bounces down to its lower levels.



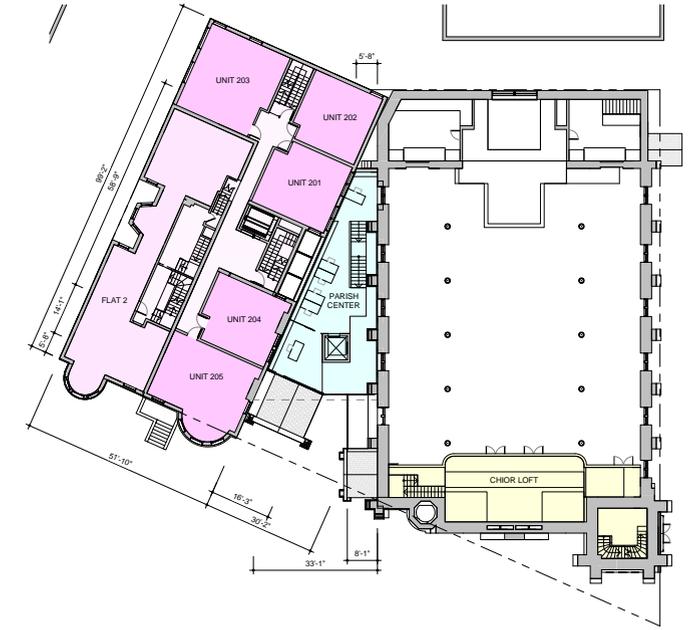
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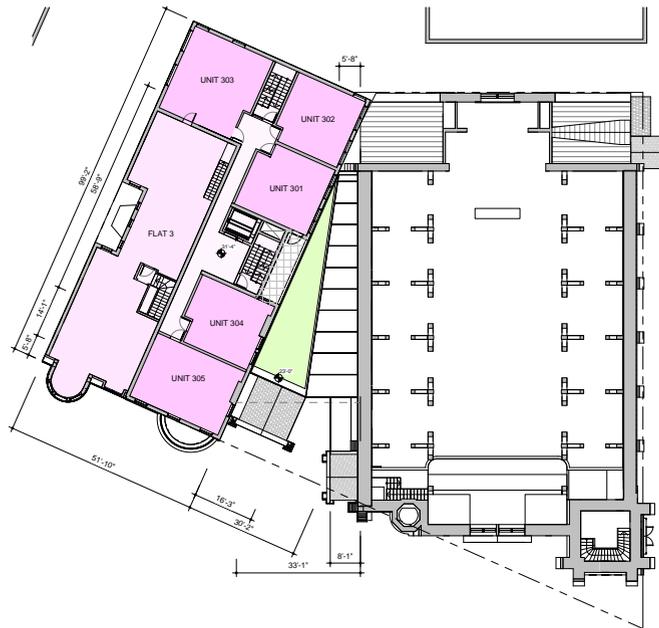
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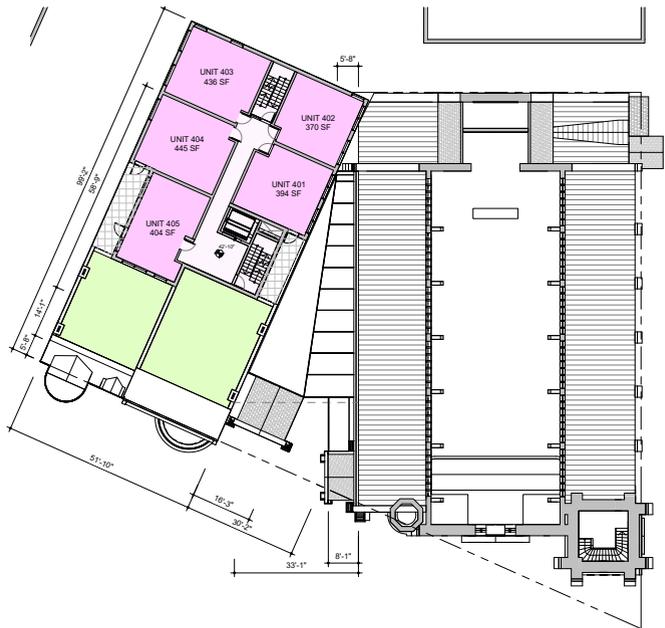
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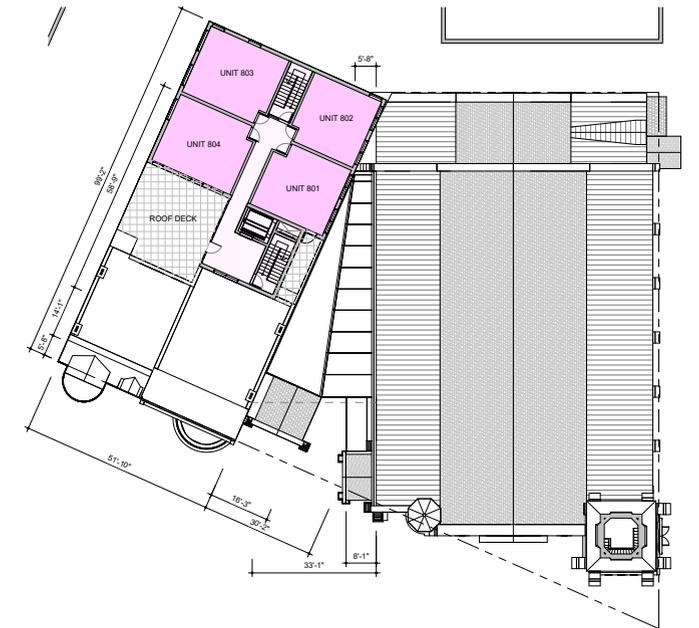
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PROPOSED PLAN ~ PENTHOUSE

