

DETROIT NEIGHBORHOODS

CORKTOWN





the ESSENTIALS



LOCATION

Travel from the center of downtown, across the westward leading spoke, and you'll eventually hit the red brick of Corktown's beginnings.

the HISTORY

WHAT'S IN THE NAME

Decades prior to the Great Irish Potato Famine, County Cork would send us their best and brightest, via NY and Boston, as the opening of the Erie Canal allowed for smooth passage into the spacious lands of Catholic welcoming Detroit.

But it wasn't until the famine began in the 1840s that Detroit would welcome the Irish en masse as they settled on the west side of downtown.

Centered around the the newly relocated Parish of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, the area would finally start to define itself as Corktown - named for those who immigrated from County Cork, Ireland.

a day in THE LIFE

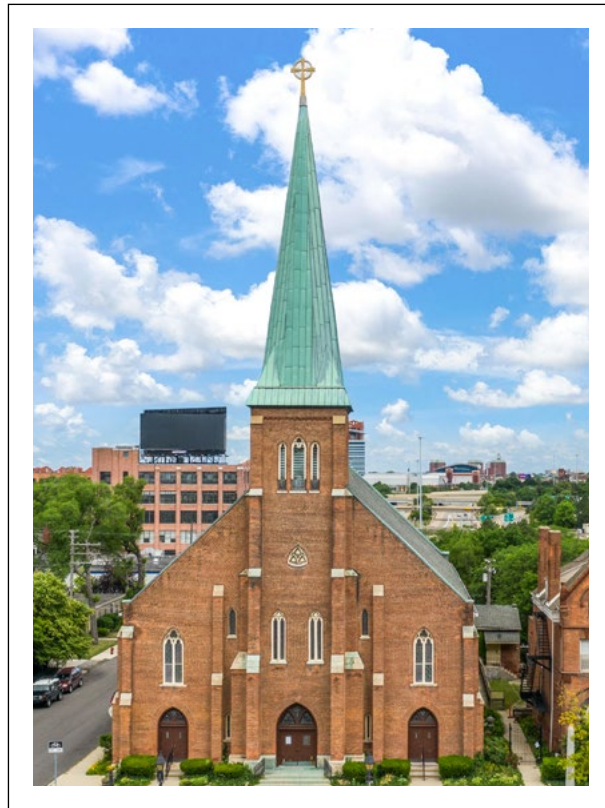
FROM FIRST TO FUTURE, POTATO
FAMINE TO NEXT GENERATION
TECHNOLOGY

The ethos of Corktown is imagined through its random mix of old-timers, nouveau hipsters, and tech geniuses - all mingling and strolling through a village of colorful Victorians, industrial warehouses, and a majestic train depot keeping watch over it all.

Be it bartender or mixologist, short order cook or chef, waitress or barista, the options are eclectic and endless in this entertaining collage. As high fuses with low, and industry fuses with artistry, its destiny is already here.



historic ARCHITECTURE



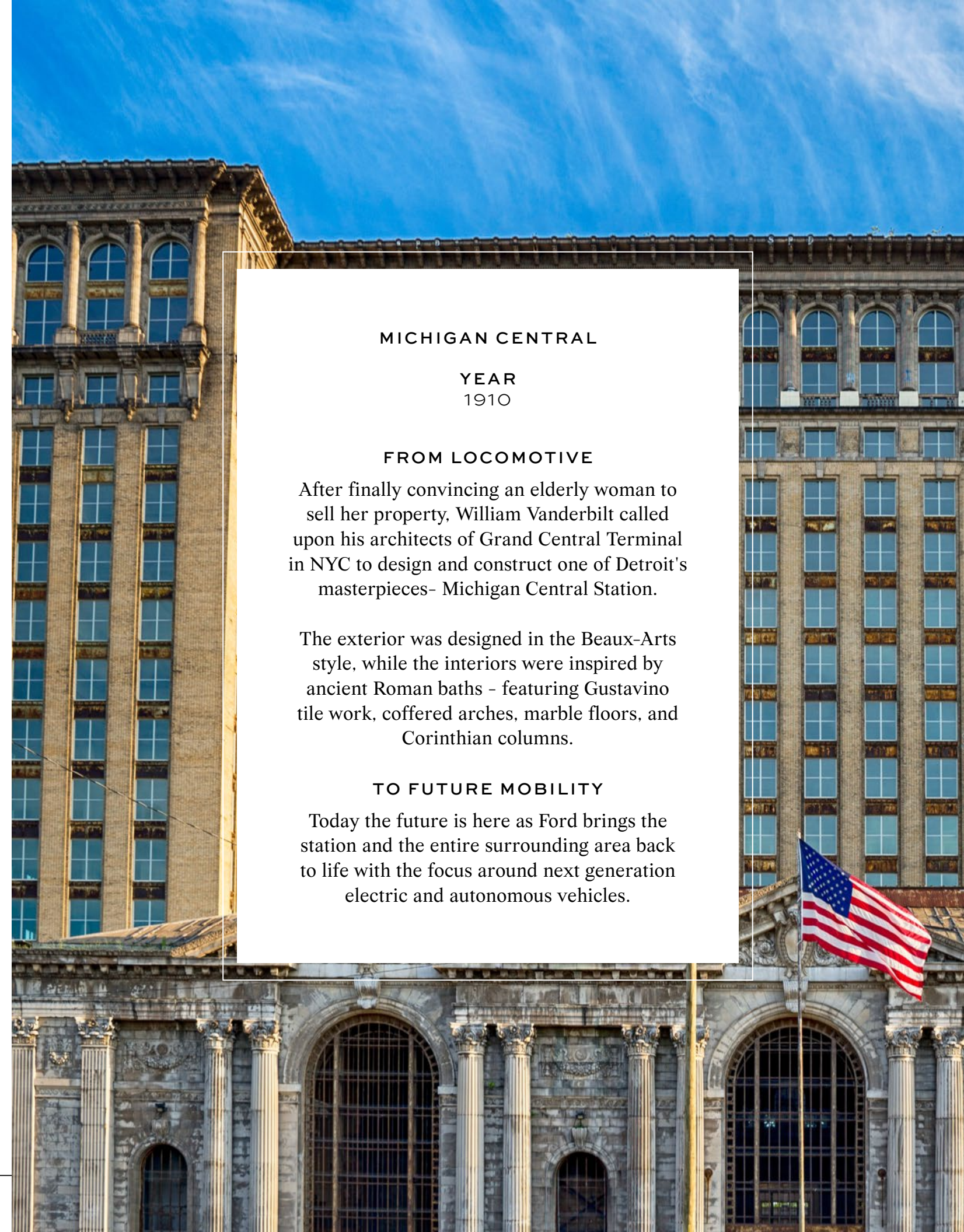
MOST HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
1050 PORTER ST.

YEAR
1866

The colorful history of this church can't be told without the mention of how the original small wooden building was hoisted up and rolled here from downtown so it could be physically closer to its Irish congregants.

And then, just so Sunday mass would continue without having to stop, the current church building, was purposely constructed with the older wooden church still inside and in use.

After completion in 1866 the old wooden church, still inside the new church, was torn down so the church's interior could be renovated.



MICHIGAN CENTRAL

YEAR
1910

FROM LOCOMOTIVE

After finally convincing an elderly woman to sell her property, William Vanderbilt called upon his architects of Grand Central Terminal in NYC to design and construct one of Detroit's masterpieces- Michigan Central Station.

The exterior was designed in the Beaux-Arts style, while the interiors were inspired by ancient Roman baths - featuring Gustavino tile work, coffered arches, marble floors, and Corinthian columns.

TO FUTURE MOBILITY

Today the future is here as Ford brings the station and the entire surrounding area back to life with the focus around next generation electric and autonomous vehicles.



CORKTOWN COTTAGES

The original buildings built by Irish settlers in Corktown were Federal-style 1 story cottages, and row-houses.

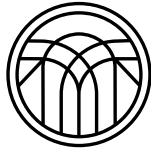
In later years, shot-gun style Victorian boarding houses with Italianate, Gothic, and Queen Anne elements were constructed in the district.





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A HIGH VIEW,
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You'll see the
AMBASSADOR BRIDGE
reaching out its welcoming
SPANS TO CANADA



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