

Iglesia San Mateo De Cangrejos  
Northwest of the intersection of  
Calle San Jorge at Calle San Mateo  
(Santurce) SAN JUAN  
Puerto Rico

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Puerto Rico		COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Santurce
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Iglesia San Mateo De Cangrejos			HABS NO. PR-66
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) northwest of the intersection of Calle San Jorge at Calle San Mateo			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 18th century with extensive repairing and rebuilding in 1896-7 and the 1930s		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This church is typical of the modest religious structures throughout rural Puerto Rico. The old rectory (now the sacristy) was the headquarters of General Abercromby during the British attacks on San Juan in 1797.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Stone foundation, bearing wall masonry of brick, stone and earth, with reinforced concrete slab over nave and aisles, masonry dome over sanctuary, roof of sacristy is unglazed ceramic tiles			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 72'3" x 74'7" The plan of the church is rectangular with a square sanctuary, the old rectory projects to the southwest, new rectory is to the northeast.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Low dome over apse			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Painted panels in the pendentives of the dome and on the walls of the sanctuary and the torno (turntable) and speaking grille which allow the Carmelite nuns to maintain the privacy of their vows.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Extensively altered in 1896-7 and during the 1930s.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE As of 1966 it was in good condition			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The above is based on Blair Reeve's writeup in July 1966			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)			
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