



68-013-43 St. James Church Complex

3628, 3700, 3706

Rhode Island Avenue

Mount Rainier

Built in 1926 and altered and enlarged circa 1951 and 1954, the principal building of the St. James Catholic Church complex is the church-school building, a buff brick Romanesque Revival style structure with a T-shaped plan. The church entrance is sheltered by an arched portal with engaged columns and a tympanum with low-relief carving, above which is a row of five multilight, round-arch clerestory windows. The building was designed by the Washington, D.C., architecture firm of Murphy and Olmsted. The complex also includes a rectory and a convent building, both constructed in 1954; they are less highly styled than the original church building but complementary.