

# Big Time

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entertainment including Italian delicacies such as Sausage and Peppers, Pizza Fritta, Italian candy and cookies.

Lehigh Valley Italian American Band who were sponsored by Isidore and Yvonne DeThomas ended the ceremony with music as the Queen and her court descends steps to the float and the girls descend to their convertibles for a parade thru the streets of Roseto.

Family reunions often go hand-in-hand with the Big Time. Out of town relatives come to visit as well as those who have moved out of the area, come back to visit friends and family.

During Fr. Montiani's pastorate, two fund-raising ideas took form. A program booklet for the celebration and a contest for selection of a festival queen. Each queen contestant is to sell tickets, the girl who sells the most tickets is crowned "Queen of the Celebration". The girl selling the 2nd most tickets is the princess and the remaining contestants make up the queens court. Over the years, some of the contestants have sold several thousand tickets to become queen. This fundraiser has proven significant to help sustain the parish' financial needs.

On Sunday, the festival turns it's focus to Mary. The festival queen crowns the statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the patron saint of our Church. Following the crown-  
ing, The Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus, Pastors, altar servers, visiting clergy, and the Sodality along with many faithful parishoners process down Garibaldi avenue following the Queens float, reciting the decades of the rosary.

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