

Big Time

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Mackenzie Hughes.

The 2021 Big Time Queen Shannon Ryan Louszko was invited to sit next to the Queen. The Children of the Court were Franco Communale, Junior Flower Girl Kimberly Andrews, Flower Girl Gianna Schippang. The Queen's Paige Boys, Marco Communale, Johnny Goffredo.

Cotturo announced to the crowd the 2022 Queen of the 129th Big Time was Juliana Elizabeth Miller, who she was invited to the podium to give her speech.

Juliana is the daughter of Jason and Adriane Miller. She is a 2022 graduate of Bangor High School, where she was a member of the school choir. In the Fall she will be attending Penn State University Abington, where she plans to study Rehabilitation and Human Services.

Juliana's Mom Adriane Miller had the honor of crowning her daughter, assisted by 2021 Queen Shannon. 'A loving cup' was presented to the Queen by her Grandmother, Amelia Trigiani, as a gift from the parish.

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 fundraising 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 Saturday evening, the Queen is Crowned by the previous years queen.

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 crowning, The Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus, Pastors, altar servers, visiting clergy, and the Sodality along with many faithful parishioners process down Garibaldi avenue following the Queens float, reciting the decades of the rosary.

