



Fond memories of the Saint Liberata Feast

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I have been a part of the Saint Liberata Feast for 76 years! The Feast of Saint Liberata was held every Labor Day weekend for three days on Waverly Ave. where the 5th Police Precinct is currently located.

The local Waverly Avenue families would make and sell all of the Italian food. A sausage and pepper hero was 50 cents. On Sunday, we would carry the Saint Liberata statute in a procession to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church for the 8:00 mass. The Saint was then marched from River Ave. up Waverly and throughout the side streets. Many of the families would pin money to the Saint which was donated to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church located on Main Street in Patchogue.

Mike Prudent's carnival company provided all the games and rides. There was an Italian band from NYC that performed each night. On Sunday night, at the conclusion of the feast, Grucci fireworks put on a magnificent show!

In 2011 it was an honor to be selected as Patchogue's Italian-American of the Year! I am still a committee member of the Patchogue Italian Feast of Saint Liberata!