

100,000 Italians Mark Saint's Day in Harlem

The Italian section of Harlem was turned over to carnival yesterday as 100,000 Italian-Americans gathered from Eastern States for the fifty-second annual celebration of the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, at 115th Street just west of Pleasant Avenue. The festivities started Wednesday and will continue through tonight, but as yesterday was the day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel it saw the climax of the "festa."

From 9 o'clock in the morning until 9 at night a procession wound through the district following an almost life-size statue of the saint mounted on a small float. Police estimated that the marchers, most of whom carried large tallow candles, numbered 10,000 during the morning hours.

The streets of the district were arched with strings of electric bulbs and bunting and the sidewalks were lined with booths offering for sale religious souvenirs, candles and pictures of the saint.