

## NEWS FROM PANNI, FOGGIA

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This is some news regarding the Carnevale feast. Carnevale is an Italian feast it starts the 17th of January and finishes the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, but normally people celebrate it only the last 2 weeks. Children and adults organize parties and everyone dresses-up with costumes something like you do on Halloween. Some towns and cities organize parades dressed with costumes. In Panni my family organized a Carnevale party at their restaurant "La Locanda di Pan" and the association Pro Loco organized one too. The restaurant organized it for children on the 22nd of February. All the children dressed-up with costumes, they played different games, danced and ate pizza, French fries and typical carnevale sweets like the "chiacchiere". At the party came a famous cartoon character "Peppa Pig", the children were excited, took pictures with her and played a famous Carnevale game the "pentolaccia", children have their eyes blinded and take turns in trying to hit a sack filled with candies. On the 2nd of March the Pro Loco organized a parade for adults and children everyone dressed in costumes. They were some stops during the parade where some people offered some sweets to everybody. At the end of the parade the people went to the association room and the children played the "pentolaccia" game.

I would like to tell you about a tradition that we have in Panni on Holy Friday. On Holy Friday after the liturgy of the Jesus' Passion there is a procession that goes from the main church to Saint Peter's church that is located at half town. People bring the statue of the Madonna of Sorrows and the statue of Died Jesus in procession. The characteristic of this procession is that the women walk down Garibaldi street and young girls that are not married yet, dressed in black, bring on their shoulders the statue of the Madonna. A priest and half Panni's band goes in procession with them. While people are in procession they pray alternating their prayers with the music of the band. The men instead walk down Roma street carrying Jesus of course a priest and the other half of the band goes with them. They also pray alternating their prayers with the music of the band. They meet outside Saint Peter's church, and in a square the priest preaches. At the end of his preach people walk in procession all together and go back to the main church. I think that it is nice to share with you this tradition.