



Images of carnival: a noise of many voices spiced with screams from "death-defying" rides . . . gaudy signs and twirling lights . . . an adolescent couple locked in each others' arms wander erratically in little half-circles . . . a three year old waiting in the ticket booth line clutches his father's hand . . . row on row of concentrated faces surround a line of stands . . . a girl turns from the refreshment window and chomps on an incredibly red candied apple . . . and always, the crowd surges restlessly beneath the churning summer sky and mutters to itself.

Though the weather has been slow in warming up this year, the season of parish festivals has come with its excitement and commotion.

The fiesta shown on these pages took place at St. Rita's parish in Webster June 8-10, and one could see there all the vignettes that make a local carnival a magical event.

# CARNIVAL

## A Fantasy World

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