



Weddings & Engagements

Couple united at St. Louis Church

Kim Pirrone married Dominic Papa in an afternoon ceremony on Saturday, June 28, 2008, at St. Louis Church in Buffalo. The Rev. Salvatore Manganello officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Cynthia and Anthony Pirrone of Orchard Park. The groom is the son of Wendy and John Papa of Mayfield, N.Y.

The bride was escorted by her father.

She wore an ivory handmade Thai silk St. Pucchi gown with embroidered flowers on the train and silk and English netting on the bodice. She carried a bouquet of yellow-orange and red roses, orange and pink alstroemeria and magenta globe amaranth.

The matron of honor was Cristy Stephenson, sister of the bride.

The bridesmaids were Justine and Mary Bianca and Carolyn Gullo, cousins of the bride; and Alaina Mauro, Mollie Widen, Colleen Hall and Josie Chiles, friends of the bride.

The flower girl was Elliot Stephenson, niece of the bride.

The best man was Michael Fox, friend of the groom.

The groomsmen were John and Michael Papa, brothers of the groom; Anthony and Lawrence Pirrone, brothers of the bride; Robert Stephenson, brother-in-law of the bride; and Santosh Mathen and Jeff Marshall, friends of the groom.

The ring bearer was Cole Stephenson, nephew of the bride.

A reception was held at Harry's Harbour Place Grille in Buffalo.

The couple will be honeymooning in Kauai, Hawaii at a later date.



Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Papa



Mrs. Joseph M. Meier

Pair travel to Las Vegas

Kristen Marie Polakiewicz married Joseph Michael Meier in an afternoon ceremony on Saturday, June 28, 2008, at St. Andrew's Church in Buffalo. The Rev. Fabian Marianski officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Carolyn and Paul Polakiewicz of Sloan. The groom is the son of Mary Holdner of Cheektowaga and Michael Meier of Bowmansville.

The bride was escorted by her father.

The maid of honor was Alicia Wyzkowski, friend of the bride.

The bridesmaids were Christine Newman, sister of the groom; Amanda Wyzkowski, Jennifer Stephan, Kimberly Gugino and Daisy Wilk, friends of the bride; and Lauren Koczaja, friend of the bride and groom.

The flower girl was Emma Newman, niece of the groom.

The best man was Brian Meier, brother of the groom.

The groomsmen were Christopher Newman Sr., brother-in-law of the groom; Jeffrey Seufert and Kevin Palmari, friends of the groom; and Mark Dlugosz, Daniel Krawczyk, and Janusz Zaremba, friends of the bride.

The usher was Christopher Newman Jr., nephew of the bride and groom.

The ring bearer was Bailey Newman, nephew of the groom.

A reception was held at Main/Transit Fire Hall in Williamsville.

The couple are honeymooning in Las Vegas.



Mrs. Brian Seivert

Couple honeymoon in Bahamas

Cheryl McIntyre married Brian Seivert in an afternoon ceremony on Saturday, June 28, 2008, at St. Pius X Church in Getzville. Monsignor George Yiengst officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Norine and Craig McIntyre of East Amherst. The groom is the son of Roseanne and Gary Seivert of West Seneca.

The bride was escorted by her father.

She wore a strapless, ivory, A-line gown. She carried a bouquet of ivory and pale pink roses with peonies.

The maids of honor were Lauren and Kathryn McIntyre, sisters of the bride.

The bridesmaids were Andrea Whipple, sister of the groom; and Stephanie Noah, Laurie Fiegl and Laura Rovner, friends of the bride.

The flower girl was Emma McIntyre, cousin of the bride.

The best man was Michael Seivert, brother of the groom.

The ushers were Michael Whipple, brother-in-law of the groom, and Chad Sweeney, Eric Soucia, Jesse Mankowski and Brandon French, friends of the groom.

The ring bearer was Ben Whipple, nephew of the groom.

A reception was held at the Transit Valley Country Club in East Amherst.

The couple are honeymooning in The Bahamas.



Stephen P. Knab and Michelle S. Kottas

Kottas-Knab

Janice and Robert Kottas of West Seneca announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Suzanne Kottas, to Stephen Paul Knab, son of Mary and Paul Knab of West Seneca.

Miss Kottas graduated from West Seneca East High School in 2000. She graduated magna cum laude from the University at Buffalo in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in nuclear medicine technology. She is a nuclear medicine technologist at Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

Her fiance graduated from St. Francis High School in 1998. He received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Brockport State College in 2002. He works at Baker Victory Services as a mental health specialist.

An August 2008 wedding is planned.



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Harmon

Pair take honeymoon in Aruba

Lesly Trzyna married Samuel C. Harmon in an afternoon ceremony on Friday, June 20, 2008, at St. Augustine Church in Depew. The Rev. David Borowiak officiated.

The bride is the daughter of David Trzyna of Depew and the late Elizabeth Trzyna. The groom is the son of Nancy and Tom Harmon of Lancaster.

The bride carried a bouquet of ivory roses and hydrangeas.

The matron of honor was Audrey Winkowski, friend of the bride.

The bridesmaids were Tory Trzyna, cousin of the bride, and Kelly Harvey, La Shanda Martin and Cheryl Wagner, friends of the bride.

The best man was Frank Liberati, friend of the groom.

The groomsmen were Ed Harmon and Jeffrey Mayne, cousins of the groom, and Jeff Wheeler and Todd Wargula, friends of the groom.

The ring bearer was Owen Caserta, nephew of the groom.

A reception was held at Fox Valley Club in Lancaster.

The couple are at home in West Seneca after honeymooning in Aruba.



Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas D. Ryan

Couple wed on sunset boat cruise in Texas

Lindsay Ann Brent married Nicolas Dado Ryan in an evening ceremony on Saturday, May 24, 2008, during a sunset boat cruise aboard the Celebration on Lake Austin in Austin, Texas. Staff Sgt. Ted McGuire of Fort Hood, Texas officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Debbie and Mike Brent of Williamsville. The groom is the son of Debbie Dado-Ryan and W. Murray Ryan of Espanola, N.M.

The bridesmaids were Kristen and Michelle Brent, sisters of the bride.

The groomsmen were Capt. Todd Cody and Chief Warrant Officer Randy Hays, friends of the groom.

The bride and groom are both serving in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Hood. The bride is a first lieutenant and a UH60 Blackhawk helicopter pilot. The groom is a captain and a CH-47 Chinook helicopter pilot. They are both in the Combat Aviation Brigade of the 4th Infantry Division and will deploy to Iraq this summer.

Upon their return from Iraq in 2009, there will be a second wedding celebration in Buffalo.

Pair honeymoon in Pocono Mountains

Kristin Marie Kessel married Paul Anthony Moley in a late afternoon ceremony on Friday, May 30, 2008, at the Holiday Inn in Grand Island. Judge John P. Teixeira officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Kim Kowalik of Amherst. The groom is the son of Kathleen Moley of Amherst and Frank Moley of Lockport.

The bride was escorted by her mother.

She wore a strapless, ivory satin gown with a lace-up back and pickup skirt bottom and an elbow-length veil with silver beading. She carried a bouquet of calla lilies.

The matron of honor was Kelly Benthien, aunt of the bride.

The bridesmaids were Katie Gregory, sister of the bride; Melissa and Kari Moley, sisters of the groom; and Jennifer Sorrentino and Jillian Gage, friends of the bride.

The junior bridesmaids were Olivia Kowalik, sister of the bride, and Britney and Emily Benthien, cousins of the bride.

The flower girl was Mia Moley, daughter of the bride and groom.

The best man was Joseph Moley, brother of the groom.

The ushers were Mark O'Connor, Michael Kling, Keith O'Neil, Mark Bavisotto, Jason Dieboldt and David Minnuto, friends of the groom.

The ring bearer was Mason Gregory, nephew of the bride.

A reception was held at the Holiday Inn in Grand Island.

The couple honeymooned in the Pocono Mountains.



Mrs. Paul A. Moley



Mrs. Michael Atti

Couple hold reception at Salvatore's

Michelle Avellino married Michael Atti in an afternoon ceremony on Saturday, June 28, 2008, at Hellenic Orthodox Church in Buffalo.

The bride is the daughter of Rosalind and Andrew Avellino of Lockport. The groom is the son of Vicki and Richard Atti of Tonawanda.

The bride was escorted by her father.

The maid of honor was Jennifer Avellino, sister of the bride.

The bridesmaids were Kimberly Ferrucci, cousin of the bride; and Maria, Adrienne and Christina Atti, sisters of the groom.

The best man was Raymond Kollias, friend of the groom.

The ushers were Rob Rotella, cousin of the groom; Daniel and Joseph Avellino, brothers of the bride; and Ryan Shirley and Rob Rhine, friends of the groom.

A reception was held at Salvatore's Italian Gardens in Depew.

The couple are honeymooning in St. Lucia.