



Weddings & Engagements



Bride wears sister-in-law's veil

Cassie Vanecek married Scott Payne in a late morning ceremony on Saturday, May 17, 2008, at Our Lady of Pompeii Church in Lancaster. The Rev. Leon Biernat officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Cindy and Bill Vanecek of Lancaster. The groom is the son of Doreen and Jeffrey Payne of Lancaster.

The bride was escorted by her father.

She wore a champagne and ivory, satin A-line halter gown with a beaded lace bodice, gathered waist detail and split back, along with a chapel-length train. She wore a veil borrowed from the groom's sister and carried a bouquet of ivory and pink roses with rhinestoned stephanotis flowers throughout.

The maids of honor were Kristen and Ally Vanecek, sisters of the bride.

The bridesmaids were Julie Buccieri and Jill Simme, cousins of the bride; and Melissa Smith, sister of the groom.

The best man was Josh Smith, brother-in-law of the groom.

The ushers were Matthew Gurney, Keith Cedro and Tim Korn, friends of the groom; and Dan Aubry, friend of the bride and groom.

A reception was held at the Buffalo Niagara Marriott Hotel.

The couple honeymooned in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.



Mrs. and Mr. Scott Payne



Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel W.E. Del Vecchio

Pair honeymoon in Aruba

Nicole Marie Battaglia married Gabriel William Efner Del Vecchio in an afternoon ceremony on Saturday, July 19, 2008, at St. Paul's Church in Kenmore. The Rev. Jay McGinnis officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Karen Battaglia of Kenmore and Jeffrey Battaglia of Hamburg. The groom is the son of Camille and Gabriel Del Vecchio of Rochester.

The bride was escorted by her mother and father.

The matron of honor was Megan Smith, friend of the bride.

The bridesmaids were Kayla Gervase, cousin of the bride; Molly Kucharski, sister of the groom; and Renee D'Angelo and Katie Martin, friends of the bride.

The flower girl was Taylor Gould, cousin of the bride.

The best man was Thomas Karafonda, friend of the groom.

The ushers were Mark Kucharski, brother-in-law of the groom; and Randy Shapiro and Cordell Cordaro, friends of the groom.

The ring bearers were Owen Kucharski, nephew of the groom, and Eddie Gould, cousin of the bride.

A reception was held at the Rich Renaissance Atrium.

After a honeymoon in Aruba, the couple will reside in Rochester.



Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Natale

Couple honeymoon in Bahamas

Heather Luksch married Angelo Natale in an afternoon ceremony on Saturday, June 28, 2008, at St. Joseph University Church in Buffalo. The Rev. Jacob Ledwon officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Valerie and Richard Luksch of Depew. The groom is the son of Patricia and Angelo Natale of Rochester.

The bride was escorted by her father.

The maid of honor was Kristie Martzolf, friend of the bride.

The bridesmaids were Carrie Leising, cousin of the bride; Christy O'Meara, sister of the groom; and Christa Windhorst and Katelyn Ferry, friends of the bride.

The best man was Anthony Sufra, friend of the groom.

The ushers were Mike O'Meara, brother-in-law of the groom; and Al Murphy, Jason Ellis and Mark Catalano, friends of the groom.

A reception was held at Classics V.

The couple honeymooned in the Bahamas.



Courtney E. Cavan and Steven J. Armstrong

Cavan-Armstrong

Veronica and Edward Cavan of Amherst announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Elizabeth Cavan, to Steven James Armstrong, son of Ann and James Armstrong of Hurricane, W. Va.

Miss Cavan graduated from Sweet Home High School in 1999. She received her bachelor's degree in business from Boston University in 2003. She is a retail planning manager.

Her fiancé graduated from Shawnee Mission South High School in 1995. He received his bachelor's degree in jazz studies from the University of New Orleans. He is a Web developer.

A May 2009 wedding is planned.



Mrs. Keith A. Decker Sr.

Pair wed in private ceremony in Jamaica

Angela M. Nagy married Keith A. Decker Sr. in a private afternoon ceremony on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

The bride is the daughter of Camille and Frank P. Nagy of West Seneca. The groom is the son of Doris S. Eaton of Rochester, Pa., and the late Paul D. Decker.

The bride was escorted by her father.

She wore an ivory, strapless gown, accented with pearls and crystals, and a pearl and crystal tiara. She carried a bouquet of tropical flowers.

The matron of honor was Sheila D. Nagy, sister-in-law of the bride.

The best man was Keith A. Decker Jr., son of the groom.

A reception was held at The Columns in Elma.

The couple are at home in East Aurora after honeymooning in Jamaica.



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Nadler

Ceremony held in Bratislava, Slovakia

Ivana Rosova married Jacob Nadler in a ceremony on Saturday, June 7, 2008, in Bratislava, Slovakia. Ivan Poprocky, brother-in-law of the bride, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Darina and Brano Rosova of Bratislava. The groom is the son of Susan Ward Nadler and Dr. Dennis Nadler of East Amherst.

The bride was escorted by her father.

She wore a strapless Oleg Cassini gown with beading and crystals.

The maid of honor was Sona Poprockova, sister of the bride.

The best man was Benjamin Nadler, brother of the groom.

The ring bearer was Matchko Poprocky, nephew of the bride.

A reception was held on June 13 at Sean Patrick's Restaurant and Emerald Isle in Getzville.

The couple will reside in St. Louis, Mo.



Christina DeFilippi and Jeffrey A. Lipp

DeFilippi-Lipp

Giovanna and Robert DeFilippi of Fishkill, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina DeFilippi, to Jeffrey A. Lipp, son of Louise and Glyn Lipp of Amherst.

Miss DeFilippi received her bachelor's degree in Spanish and secondary education from Geneseo State College in 2005 and is currently completing her master's degree in teaching English as a second language at New Paltz State College. She will teach Spanish at Scotia-Glenville Middle School during the 2008-09 school year.

Her fiancé received his bachelor's degree in applied physics and mathematics from Geneseo State College in 2006 and his master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University at Buffalo in 2008. He is a mechanical engineer at General Dynamics Electric Boat.

A January 2009 wedding is planned.

Bride wears great-grandmother's strand of pearls

Sara Marie MacDonald married Justin Paul Nichols in an afternoon ceremony on Saturday, July 19, 2008, at the Pendleton Center United Methodist Church in North Tonawanda. The Rev. Suzanne Block officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Tina and David MacDonald of Getzville. The groom is the son of Kim Nichols of Livonia, N.Y., and Daniel Nichols of Palmyra, N.Y.

The bride was escorted by her father.

She wore a gown with beaded embroidery overlays and an off-the-shoulder bodice, with an A-line skirt edged with scalloped embroidery beneath a satin band that continued onto the chapel-length train. She wore a strand of pearls belonging to her great-grandmother. She carried a bouquet of white tulips, white roses and white calla lilies.

The maid of honor was Heather MacDonald, sister of the bride.

The bridesmaids were Kasey Nichols, sister of the groom; and Amanda Beaty, Julia Haywood and Susan LaMar, friends of the bride.

The best man was Jeff Thompson, friend of the groom.

The ushers were Matthew Symanski, cousin of the bride; and Christopher Martin, Nathaniel Petelin and Steve VanDerMeid, friends of the groom.

A reception was held at Sean Patrick's Restaurant and Emerald Isle in Getzville.

The couple will reside in North Carolina.



Mrs. Justin P. Nichols