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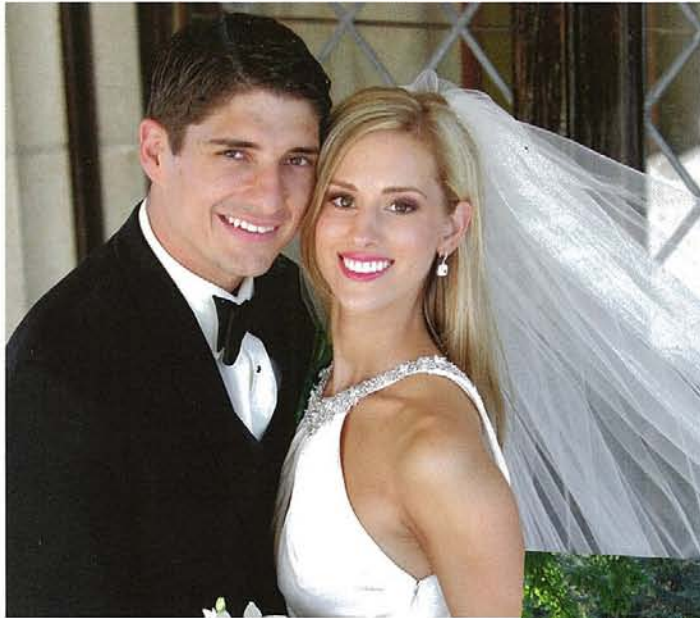
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# NEWLY WEDS

## *Danielle Bruno and Robert Altieri*

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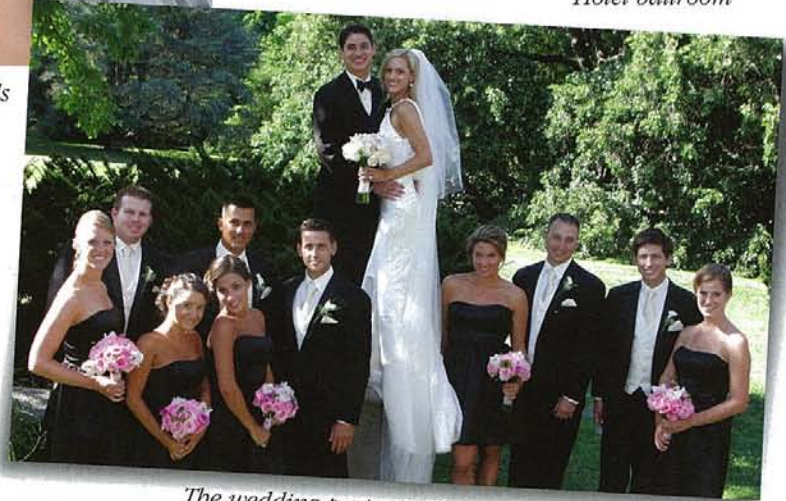
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*Danielle and Rob at the Planting Fields Arboretum after the ceremony*



*First dance in the Garden City Hotel ballroom*



*The wedding party at Planting Fields*

On July 31, 2010, a beautiful sunny day, Danielle Bruno and Robert Altieri were married at St. Brigid's Church in Westbury. "The day was so perfect from start to finish that everyone was in a wonderful mood," Rob said.

Danielle and Rob met during their sophomore year at James Madison University in Virginia on a blind date with mutual friends.

Rob was not Danielle's date for the evening, and their first date was not until a year later. She said, "After that, I got to know him. He's such a nice person, so much fun, and we got

along well."

In the spring of 2008, Rob invited Danielle to his apartment for a filet mignon dinner he himself prepared. He had hidden a beautiful engagement ring in a bowl covered with aluminum foil and kept it in the refrigerator. After dinner, he asked her if she wanted to have dessert or take a walk. She opted for dessert. "If she had wanted to go for a walk, I would have found a way to talk her out of it," he said. "She saw

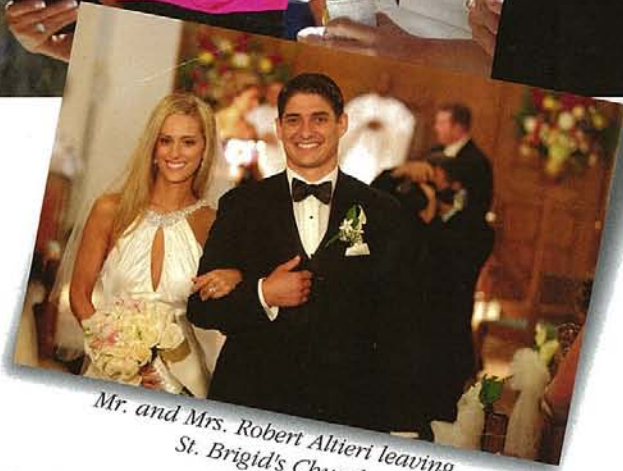
the ring and said, 'Is this for real?' Then, I got down on my knees and asked her to marry me."

The wedding party consisted of Danielle's first cousin as maid of honor, her sister-in-law, two childhood friends and one from college. The best man was Rob's friend from childhood, his brother, and Danielle's two brothers. The ring bearer and flower girl were Rob's first cousins.





*Danielle and her parents, Teresa and Dominic Bruno, at St. Brigid's Church before the ceremony*



*Mr. and Mrs. Robert Altieri leaving St. Brigid's Church*



*Danielle getting ready at home*



*First glimpse of the Garden City Hotel ballroom before the guests arrived*

The wedding dress took a long time to find, Danielle remarked, but "I finally found the perfect dress at Bridal Reflections designed by Marissa, a white satin dress with beading on the jewel neckline in front and a dramatic cowl." The cathedral-length

veil trailed behind like a gossamer white cloud.

The bridesmaids, in strapless cocktail-length black dresses that suited each one of them, carried bouquets of pink and white orchids and roses.

A splendid white Rolls Royce limousine brought the bride and her parents to St. Brigid's Church. "I fell in love with the church when I saw how gorgeous it was!" Danielle said.

The Garden City Hotel, where the reception was held, was very special to Danielle because she spent two years there as assistant office manager in catering. "Danielle was well liked there, and they all went out of their way to make everything just awesome," Rob commented.

"The Garden City Hotel was perfect in every way," Danielle said with great enthusi-



*Garden City Hotel's catering director Joseph Borbely and chef Steve DeBruyn with Danielle*

asm. "They couldn't do enough for us, and we thoroughly appreciated it. They sound very competent, because they are. They have done this so many times

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and Robert Altieri

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that they know exactly what to do.”

Joseph Borbely, director of catering, and Steven de Bruyn, master chef, created a splendid arrangement of colorful, delicious vegetables from Lenny Bruno Farms, founded 90 years ago by Danielle's great-grandfather, who was originally from Naples, Italy. Generations of the Bruno family, including Danielle's parents, her brothers and Danielle herself, have kept this 100-acre vegetable farm in Manorville a thriving business. Right through her years in college, Danielle helped her mother run the vegetable stand.

After the wedding, Danielle and Rob went on a two-week trip to Rome, Florence, Venice, Switzerland, Paris and London. “This was my first time in Europe, and I was amazed at how different every city was,” she said. “We loved each stop we made, and the trip was not rushed. We really loved Italy, because we are both Italian. A special treat was seeing the inside of Buckingham Palace. We were lucky because there is only a small window of time when visitors are allowed inside. We were so excited!”

They now live in Pittsburgh, where Rob is from. Danielle manages events for Carnegie Mellon University. Rob is a CPA for Malin Berquist & Company, LLP, one of the largest certified public accounting and business advisory firms in Western Pennsylvania. ■