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# Breaking News

JOHN & ELISABETH  
LASPADA



ESPIRITU SANTO  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
SAFETY HARBOR, FLORIDA



FRIDAY,  
MARCH 20, 2026



# ELISABETH & JOHN

## *GOT MARRIED!*

*SHE GAVE ME HER HEART, SO I GAVE HER MY LAST NAME...*



3,550 days since  
their first date



242 days  
engaged



107 trips taken  
together



2,899 cups of  
coffee together



466 Pizzas shared  
(and counting!)

## THE LOVE *Story*

*John and Lis first connected online. Both had recently come out of long-term relationships and weren't actively seeking anything serious. But God had other plans. On July 1, 2016, after a long workweek, Lis returned home to Orlando from Jacksonville and answered a call from a Clearwater number—mistaking it for a business contact. Instead, it was John, who was in town visiting family for the holiday. When Lis politely declined his invitation for drinks, John, ever the charmer, offered to send her his LinkedIn profile to reassure her that he was legit. Once they finally met, their connection was instant and undeniable—like two souls that had always known each other, yin and yang perfectly aligned.*

**“ONE LOVE, ONE HEART,  
FOREVER... THEY SWIPPED  
RIGHT!”**

## FUN FACTS ABOUT *the Couple*



*John's guilty pleasures: Dark  
Chocolate & Red Wine*



*Lis' go-to snack: Sharp  
Cheddar Cheese*



*John can't live without: His  
morning LavAzza espresso*



*Lis' hidden talent: Professional-  
level detective skills*



*Their first trip together was on a cruise  
to the Bahamas, departing from Port  
Miami. After Lis misread the sail-away  
time, John channeled his inner racecar  
driver—hitting over 100 mph on  
I-95 to make sure they didn't  
miss their boat!*



**FIRST MEET**  
07.01.2016



**CUBA ON VALENTINE'S DAY**  
02.14.2019



**THE PROPOSAL**  
07.21.2025

WELCOME TO THE  
WEDDING EVENTS OF

*John & Elisabeth*

03.20.2026

3:00 PM  
Wedding  
Ceremony



5:30 PM  
Grand Entrance  
& First Dance



7:30 PM  
Wedding Cake  
Cutting



10:00 PM  
Grand Exit



4:15 PM  
Post-Ceremony  
Photos



6:30 PM  
Dinner Served,  
Toasts & iSpy



8:30-9:45 PM  
Dancing,  
Garter &  
Bouquet Toss



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# Dinner Menu

## BEVERAGES

SODA • ICED TEA • WATER • COFFEE

*WINE, BEER & COCKTAILS CAN BE ORDERED AT CASH BAR*

## STARTERS

FRESH BAKED BREAD WITH BUTTER & MINT CHIMICHURRI

CHEESE & FRUIT BOARD AND SHRIMP COCKTAIL

*(AROUND ICE SCULPTURE)*

CAESAR OR GARDEN SALAD

## ENTRÉES

*(SELECT ONE)*

- **PETITE FILET MIGNON** – TENDER AND PERFECTLY GRILLED, SERVED WITH HOUSE DEMIGLACE
- **CHICKEN MARSALA** – SAUTÉED CHICKEN BREAST IN A RICH MUSHROOM AND MARSALA REDUCTION
- **SALMON OSCAR** – PANSEARED AND TOPPED WITH LUMP CRAB, ASPARAGUS, AND BÉARNAISE SAUCE
- **PECAN CRUSTED GROUPER** – LIGHTLY CRUSTED WITH ROASTED PECANS AND A CITRUS BUTTER SAUCE

*SERVED WITH GARLIC MASHED POTATOES & SAUTÉED BROCCOLINI*

## SWEETS

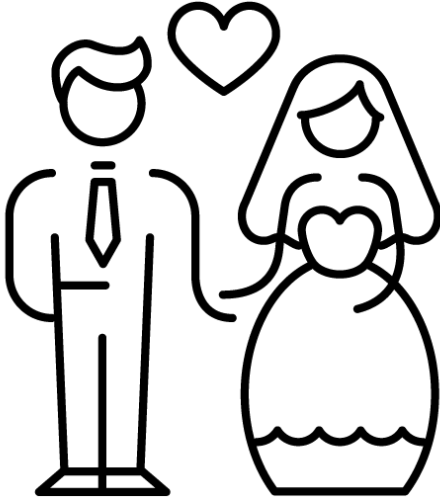
WEDDING CAKE: ORANGE & PASSION FRUIT

- PECAN BLUEBERRY CHEESECAKE • FLORIDA KEY LIME PIE •
- BELGIAN CHOCOLATE TORTE •

# The Couple

# Unscramble

color in the bride and groom



try and unscramble all the words below

- UOQBET \_\_\_\_\_
- RIBED \_\_\_\_\_
- AKCE \_\_\_\_\_
- EANDC \_\_\_\_\_
- MAIFLY \_\_\_\_\_
- IEFNDRS \_\_\_\_\_
- OROMG \_\_\_\_\_
- ISKS \_\_\_\_\_
- OELV \_\_\_\_\_
- ARMGRIAE \_\_\_\_\_
- GISNR \_\_\_\_\_

## WEDDING WORD

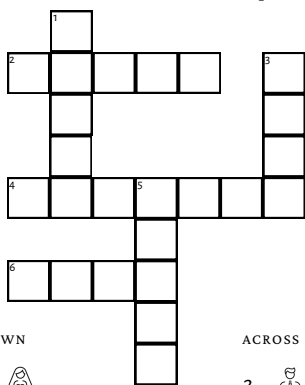
*Search*

L	O	V	E	X	R	O	M	A	N	C	E
C	D	A	N	C	E	Y	O	K	I	S	S
A	X	Z	P	Q	R	I	N	G	S	W	B
K	C	H	E	E	R	S	D	W	O	Z	C
E	F	O	R	E	V	E	R	V	I	O	D

Vows – Love – Dance – Rings – Forever – Kiss – Cake – Cheers – Romance

# Crossword

try and solve the crossword puzzle



DOWN

1. 
3. 
5. 

ACROSS

2. 
4. 
6. 

# A-B-C

look around and find an item starting with each letter of the alphabet

- |         |         |
|---------|---------|
| A _____ | N _____ |
| B _____ | O _____ |
| C _____ | P _____ |
| D _____ | Q _____ |
| E _____ | R _____ |
| F _____ | S _____ |
| G _____ | T _____ |
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| L _____ | Y _____ |
| M _____ | Z _____ |

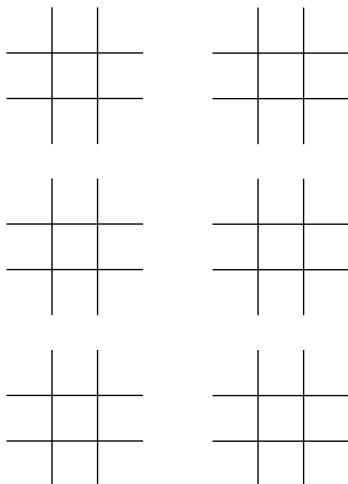
# Draw them

draw a picture of the bride and groom



# tic tac toe

find a friend and play the game with X and O



*Guess Who Said it?*  
 **BRIDE OR GROOM** 

Who said "I love you" first?



Who is always cracking jokes?



Who is the better cook?



Who sings in the shower the most?



Who takes longer to get ready?



Who is the better gift-giver?



Who has the best dance moves?



Who hogs the blankets at night?



More likely to forget an anniversary?



Who is the bigger coffee addict?



**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD**

*In Loving Memory of*

*John Dominic LaSpada, Sr.*  
 August 22, 1922 - May 8, 1997

*William George Fleisher*  
 May 26, 1923 - October 9, 1997

*Ryder Gore*  
 January 12, 1923 - March 15, 1998

*Rev. Thomas Alan Thompson*  
 December 4, 1973 - November 7, 2018

*Alice May Leppert Gore*  
 July 19, 1927 - August 11, 1971

*Annie Ruth Jeffcoat Thompson*  
 November 3, 1930 - November 17, 1971

*Catherine Finan Fleisher*  
 August 7, 1914 - July 15, 1984

*Yolanda Moretti LaSpada*  
 May 3, 1922 - September 3, 2020

*Alton Lamar Thompson*  
 September 27, 1927 - May 23, 1991

*Gavin Dean LaSpada*  
 August 12, 2005 - December 13, 2021

# MEET THE *Wedding Party*

## OFFICIANT

Msgr. Joseph A. Pellegrino

## PARENTS OF THE BRIDE

Rev. Tom & Kathy Thompson

## PARENTS OF THE GROOM

John D. & Mary LaSpada, Jr.

## MASTER OF CEREMONY

Vincent LaSpada



## MATRON OF HONOR

Kim LaMantia Sciancalepore

## BEST MAN

Michael Bayhi

## BRIDESMAIDS

Ruth Thompson Greene  
Magda Bilinska Krajewska  
Jayden LaSpada

## BRIDESMAN

Justin Torres



## GROOMSMEN

Kevin LaSpada  
John LaSpada, II  
Joshua LaSpada

## FLOWER GIRL & BOY

Amelia & Elliot Thompson

## RING BEARER

Ryder Greene, Godson

## USHERS

Cameron Thompson  
Noah Thompson  
Doc Greene  
Miles Thompson

## WHY

*March 20th?*

*We chose March 20th because it marks a beautiful chapter in our love story. On this day in 2019, we became domestic partners, making a heartfelt commitment to each other and our life together. Now, exactly seven years later, we joyfully step into marriage—on a date already rich with meaning. March 20th is also the Spring Equinox, symbolizing new beginnings (same as Lis' canary engagement diamond), balance, and renewal. It's the International Day of Happiness, which feels fitting because that's precisely what we feel in this moment. From Eid al-Fitr (a celebration of spiritual renewal), to French Language Day (the language of love), this date brings together cultures, joy, and commitment—all things that represent our journey. And yes, it's even Alien Abductions Day —because our love might just be out of this world!*



## PLAY PICTURE *iSpy*

*Your table group photo • Dessert • Crystal Best dance floor moment • A selfie of you A Hug • Best dressed guest • Funny moment Your favorite decoration • A couple • Red Happy moment • A Toast • Dancing shoes Kids dancing • Your table setting • A cheer Our first dance • Bride + Groom laughing*

## SHARE THE *Love*



*We have all the stuff we need — now we're dreaming of sunsets and more adventures together! In lieu of a traditional wedding registry, we invite you to help us create unforgettable memories by contributing to our honeymoon fund at:  
[www.TheLaSpadas.com](http://www.TheLaSpadas.com)*