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Calendar of Events

Many scheduled meetings and businesses are beginning to open back up. For information on attending an online or in person group, please call GayDayton at 937.623.1590 or the Greater Dayton LGBTQ Center at 937.274.1776 be prepared to give your email address and phone number to join a group. **All Center Groups will require masks.**

Date	Time	Event/Group	Location
July 1	6:30 PM	LGBT Center Monthly Meeting	Center
July 6	6:00 PM	SOAR (Survivors Overcoming Assault & Rape)	Online
July 6	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Group	Online & Center
July 8	7:00 PM	Positive Attitudes (HIV+ Group)	Online & Center
July 13	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Group	Online & Center
July 14	7:00 PM	PFLAG Monthly Meeting	Online
July 15	6:30 PM	Project Identify	Center
July 20	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Group	Online & Center
July 21	7:00 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group	Online & Center
July 22	7:00 PM	Positive Attitudes (HIV+ Group)	Online & Center
July 27	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Group	Online & Center

“All of us who are openly gay are living and writing the history of our movement. We are no more - and no less - heroic than the suffragists and abolitionists of the 19th century; and the labor organizers, Freedom Riders, Stonewall demonstrators, and environmentalists of the 20th century. We are ordinary people, living our lives, and trying as civil-rights activist Dorothy Cotton said, to ‘fix what ain’t right’ in our society.”--Senator Tammy Baldwin

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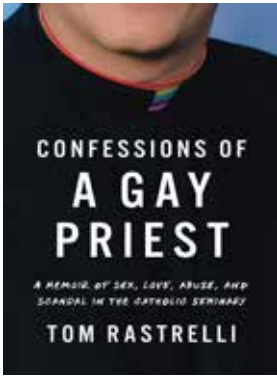
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"Confessions of a Gay Priest" by Tom Rastrelli

c.2020, University of Iowa Press \$19.95 / higher in Canada 328 pages



You spent days examining your life. Sins: that's what you were looking for. How had you displeased God? How many lies, covets, dishonors? What have you done since – oh, when *was* your last confession, anyhow? They say the sacrament is good for your soul, and in "**Confessions of a Gay Priest**" by Tom Rastrelli, there's a lot to tell. Though he'd always known that he liked boys, little Tommy Rastrelli pretended the opposite when he was in gradeschool because

marriage was what good Catholics did. His family was devout and Rastrelli never questioned God's love. Not even after, he says, he was repeatedly molested by a doctor in his Iowa hometown.

For several reasons, he never told his parents about the abuse, enduring it for years until he'd convinced them that he was too old for a pediatrician. That God hadn't saved him from a predator made Rastrelli slowly lose his faith and his self-respect. He stopped attending Mass and began questioning the Church's teachings.

But then God called a shocked Tom Rastrelli to the priesthood.

It happened while he was at college, and the whole idea quickly consumed him. Gone was the plan to major in theatre; instead, Rastrelli began to explore a world steeped in mystery and ritual, but overlaid with fear. Always believing that testimony against the doctor could save others from the same abuse, Rastrelli took legal action, knowing that scandal could ruin his chance to attend seminary.

There were many things undiscussable, in fact, and the court case was only half of it. As he progressed in his journey to ordination, the secrets

included priestly kisses, caresses, and soft lies that a “backrub” was just a backrub. At nearly every gathering, Rastrelli was approached for sex or touched inappropriately, led to believe that celibacy had wiggle-room, plied with alcohol or favors, and left to deal with it alone. He fell in misguided love.

And then he fell into a deep depression, with only one real way out... “The Confessions of a Gay Priest” is a hard, hard book to read – it’ll make you squirm, it’ll make your eyebrows raise, you’ll want to toss it on the street and let semis run it over and yet, it’s stay-up-all-night compelling.

Beginning with his ordination (so you know-don’t-know the end of the story), author Tom Rastrelli tells a tale that will further shock Catholics already reeling from church-related scandals. This book, however, is not written in the same manner as is a diocesan document: Rastrelli is sometimes extremely graphic, both in the bedroom and in his various emotional states. He doesn’t pull back the curtains on his experiences, he rips them down and burns them. He used pseudonyms, but tells details before softening his harshness with beautiful language, strong faith, and poetic distractions that play with a reader’s sympathy.

You can’t beat a book like that, though its graphic nature needs to again be underscored. For a reader who can endure a panoply of squirms, “Confessions of a Gay Priest” is worth deep examination.

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Affordable Inclusive Housing for LGBT Older Adults

As this unprecedented LGBTQ Pride Month draws to a close, we are excited to make you aware of a new living option at the Art Lofts in the Arcade, which will be inclusive, affordable and welcoming apartments for older LGBT adults. Although the apartments aren't exclusive only for our older LGBT community, if you are among those looking to live amidst our emerging vibrant downtown then the Art Lofts in the renovated Arcade building may be for you. Most of the apartments-- available in early 2021 -- are income-qualified, which means



there is a maximum amount of income you can have to live there.

The Art Lofts include one, two and three-bedroom apartments ranging in size from approximately 875 sq. ft. for a one-bedroom to about 1,200 sq. ft. for a three-bedroom apartment. All apartments are pet-friendly and come with a number of "built-in" amenities in addition to the beautiful historic atmosphere. There are 110 apartments available and 103 of them are income-qualified. The remaining seven apartments will be rented at the going market rate. Larger families also can live in the income-qualified apartments, with income limits based on family size.

Numerous amenities will be available at the Art Lofts including:

Modern open floorplans

In-suite laundry

Two community rooms

Exciting new retailers, restaurants, coffee house and bars

Fitness facility

Business center

Rotunda event space

Health & wellness visits from Public Health staff and others

Rental parking in nearby garages available through the County

For older LGBT adults, it can be challenging to find a welcoming and affirming place to live in our later years so it's exciting to have an option like the Art Lofts in our beautiful newly renovated Arcade. If downtown living appeals to you, don't miss this opportunity to get your name on the list of

potential residents because the appeal of the Arcade will likely cause these apartments to rent quickly.

The Art Lofts developer's property management company McCormack Baron Management (MBM) handles the rental application process. If you're interested, please act quickly to get more information and put your name on the rental waiting list by visiting this website:

<https://www.arcadedayton.com/new-page-1>

MBM manages living communities according to LGBTQ-inclusive guidelines across the country, including Cincinnati, Columbus, New Orleans, New York, Phoenix, Los Angeles, San Francisco and in Palm Springs, where their community caters to people living with HIV and AIDS.

[Click here to learn more about McCormack Baron and its other properties](#)



Please help us acknowledge and preserve the Dayton area's LGBTQ+ herstory and history by nominating a person, place or event that has been pivotal to LGBTQ+ history in the Dayton area during the last 50 years.

<https://bit.ly/daytonlgbtqherhistory>

A committee of LGBTQ community members and activists, including those from organizations such as Greater Dayton LGBT Center, Rainbow Elder Care of Greater Dayton, and the City of Dayton will review all nominations in an effort to identify the best to be recognized at an event during LGBTQ History Month in October. Nominations are currently open, to nominate someone to honor, please follow this link:



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLeXQdawyg-DHgYpyIY0dJIUk3vXadEMDPLuoVvN_rRv6b7Ag/view-form?fbclid=IwAR1gKx6G3uHtzeSkrOmosVeQJ9izUgOu-1J6SKeQPxEhV7YUR0YTR2VGyo_M

The Greater Dayton LGBT Center has been closed during this pandemic season. The Center is looking to slowly re-open during the month of July and beginning to offer many of the support groups that were previously offered and are now being offered online. To attend any of these meetings you should call (937) 274-1776 or email info@daytonlgbtcenter.org for information on attending any of the center support groups.

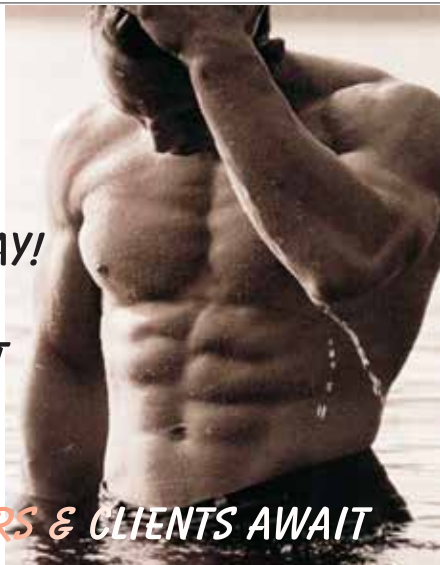
The Center's Health Clinic has been closed during this COVID time also but is now open by appointment only. If you wish to get an HIV test, testing is now done by In-Home test kits. Simply call 1 (800) 332-2437 for a test to be mailed to your home where you may administer the swab test withing the privacy of your home and know your results within 15 minutes. Counselors are available via phone 24/7 to discuss your results with you.

ALL NEW: The Greater Dayton LGBT Center along with our partners at Equitas Health have announced FREE COVID-19 Testing. Tests are done by appointment only in our drive up testing area in front of our building at 24 N. Jefferson Street, Dayton, OH 45402. Don't drive, not a problem we are just one block from the bus hub and will have a tent available where testing may be done safely. Just visit our website at www.daytonLGBTcenter.org for information on how to set your appointment. This testing is open to all, no matter if you have shown symptom prior. If you would like peace of mind to insure you are not infected, you may visit our website or call the Center at (937) 274-1776 to set an appointment.

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Dayton PRIDE 2020 ~ Rise Up

Due to this pandemic we have all seen many changes and sometime out right cancelations of many events, PRIDE is no-exception. After much consideration and planning, we have decided to cancel the Friday night “Affair on the Square” and subsequent Bar Crawl previously scheduled for August 21st.

On Saturday August 22nd we plan a very different PRIDE & Pride Parade in that we are planning a “*Parade in Reverse.*” This means, we will ask exhibitors and usual groups that typically participate in the parade to set up banners and displays along Second Street to present to spectators. We ask any would be spectators to participate by decorating their own vehicles and simply driving down 2nd street between Patterson and Main Streets much like an *old fashion Cruse-In* to show your pride and view the displays.



Pride logo by
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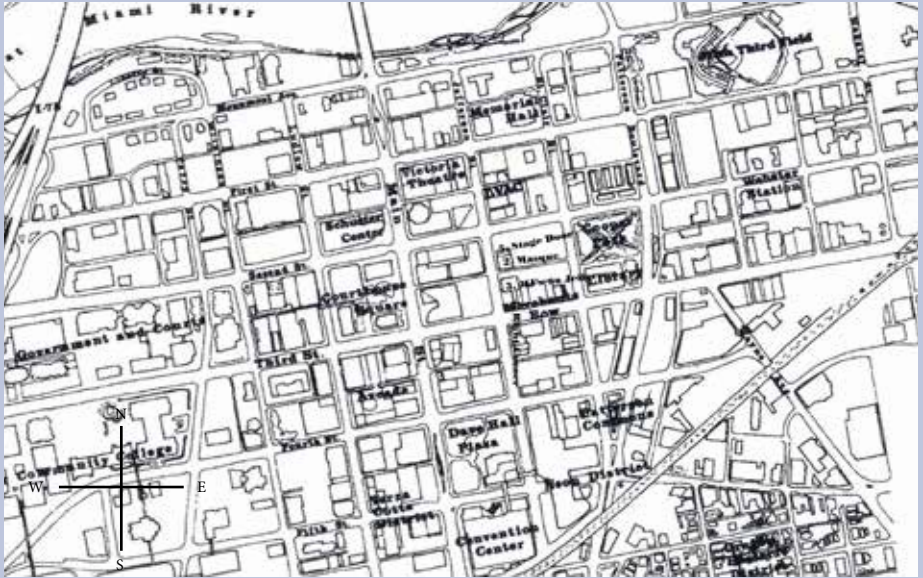
The Pride parade typically ends at Courthouse Square with a community festival. This year due to safety concerns we will not hold the festival in person. We are planning celebration online! At 1 pm we will begin a live broadcast of PRIDE to 3 pm with special guest, local entertainers, and live musicians. So kick back with your favorite beverage and tune in from 1-3 pm via spectrum Channel 5, Facebook Live, or YouTube Live. We will return to Courthouse Square June 4th & 5th of 2021.

While we have canceled our 5th Annual Spikes & Heels KickBall Tournament for 2020 it will return next year. We are pleased PFLAG has announced they will proceed with the 5th Annual Pride Run Walk on August 23rd.

Please visit <http://pflagdayton.org> for details and new safety rules and guidelines, there are specific measure we will be taking to make sure every one has a safe, fun Running With Pride event.

1. Masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer will be provided for everyone who wants them. Volunteers will all be wearing masks and gloves.
2. Starting times for the race will be staggered so social distancing can be observed.
3. A modified awards ceremony will be conducted after the race~social distancing will be observed.
4. There will be no post race food or snacks provided due to the virus. Participants are encouraged to bring their own this year.
5. Small bottles of water will be provided at the water stations instead of open cups of water.
6. Everyone is encouraged to pre register online to reduce the amount of interaction on Race Day

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18 +	18 and Up	E	Other Entertainment	N/H	Neighborhood
A	Alternative	F	Food	S	Strippers
AH	After Hours	G/S	Gay/Straight	T	Mature
C	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

1. Argo's, 301 Mabel Street 252-2976 (M,L,E,S)
2. Evolution, 130 N Patterson 203-2582 (18+,Y,G/S,D,E,V,DG)
3. MJ's on Jefferson, 20 N. Jefferson 223-7340 (18+,F,M,D,S,E,DG,V,K)
4. Right Corner, 105 E. Third St 228-2033 (NH,M,T,E)
5. Stage Door, 44 N. Jefferson St 223-7418 (M,L,C,K,T,NH,E)
6. Natalie Clifford Barney Historical Marker
7. The Greater Dayton LGBT Center, 24 N. Jefferson 274-1776

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