Greetings!

The news is the groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, did not see his shadow so we will have an early spring! We at Disability Services and Ministries will choose to believe the groundhog and will be happy to see an early spring and sunshine and warmth! Even though we are in the midst of a Winter Storm Advisory!

The following is your February 2020 Disability Services & Ministries E-Newsletter. For more information about our services and ministries check out our website! And remember to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter!

Camp Happiness 2020

Are you looking for a fun summer camp for your child? Look no further! Camp Happiness is the place to be!

June 22 to July 31, 2020
6 weeks / 5 days a week
9:30am to 3:00pm / Ages 5-21
Parma & Euclid

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**Who We Serve?**
Camp Happiness is a day camp for children and young adults, ages 5-21, with cognitive and other developmental disabilities.

**Professional Staff**
We want you to know that we only hire staff who are professional, dedicated and passionate about supporting your child at camp! Our staff include teachers and college students studying special education or similar fields, with & without disabilities. Our ratio is 1 staff for every 4 campers.

**Quality Programming**
Camp Happiness is proud to be American Camping Association (ACA) accredited! Recreational, social and educational activities are planned according to campers' individual needs and include adaptive sports and games, swimming, arts and crafts, music, and so much more! Community inclusion and socialization skills are built through weekly field trips.

**New "Temporary" East Side Location**
For those returning to camp this year - please note our new "temporary" east side location will be at Saints Robert & William School at 351 E. 260th St. in Euclid, while the Center for Pastoral Leadership undergoes renovations this summer.

For more information and to request a camp packet please contact Lauren Mailey by email at lmmailey@ccdocle.org or call (216) 334-2963

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**Summer & Beyond Camp Fair**
Join us and many other providers at the 22nd Annual Summer & Beyond Fair on Saturday, February 15!

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**22nd Annual Summer and Beyond Fair**
For Children and Youth with Disabilities

**State Support Team**

Saturday, February 15, 2020
Woodside Event Center at St Michael’s
5025 Mill Rd, Broadview Heights, OH 44147
10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

- Visit and talk to representatives from camps and organizations from around Ohio and beyond!
- FREE fingerprint ID cards will be available
- Browse the information tables
- Pick up your free copy of the “2020 Summer and Beyond Directory”
- Have fun with face painting, balloon creations and magic tricks from Zap Entertainment
- For further information contact Theresa Richardson at 216-446-3838 or theresa.richardson@escc.org

This activity is funded in whole or part by IDEA Title IV, B, and Grants to States through Ohio Department of Education grants to Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio Inc., and Project S.T.E.A.M.
Wear your **GREEN** for St. Patrick’s Day!

**Dance Night 2020**

**OLA/ST. JOSEPH CENTER**
2346 W. 14TH ST., CLEVELAND, OH 44113

**FOR PERSONS WITH AND WITHOUT**
**DISABILITIES**
**AGES 16+ | $3 | 7-9PM**

**Dancers must**
**have identification on them!**
This may be a picture ID or a
nametag with their name and
phone number on it.

**Questions? Contact:** 216-334-2963
Lauren @ lmailey@ccoclcle.org
www.ccoclcle.org/disability

**Please be advised that our**
**dance environment may be**
**suitable for individuals with**
**sensory disorders and**
**sensory processing issues**
**as there will be loud music**
**and flashing bright lights.**

**Due to weather, sometimes we have to cancel - for last minute updates call our**
**voicemail at 216-334-2963 or 2962 or check our**
**website**

**Two hours of fun, music and a dance contest with DJ Kris!**

- Don’t forget that all dancers should bring identification (ID or nametag with telephone number)
- For sensory sensitive individuals, please be advised that our dances do have flashing lights and loud music
- Supervision of dance participants must be provided by a family member or direct care staff (Admission for family/staff is free)

**Questions? Email Lauren Mailey**
**or call (216) 334-2963**

Mary’s Rosary Guild for the Deaf

On January 26th members and friends of Mary’s Rosary Guild for the Deaf held their annual party celebrating the new year.

Mary’s Rosary Guild for the Deaf was founded on June 23, 1963 for the deaf women of the Diocese of Cleveland. It has served as not only a religious group fostering personal growth in Christ but also as a social organization.

Today, the group welcomes both hearing and deaf ladies. New members are always welcome. They meet on the Second Sunday of each month at Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center located at St. Augustine Church.

For more information on Mary’s Rosary Guild, or our Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing ministry please contact Bob Duda by email or call (216) 781-5530 x31 or (216) 302-2375 VP.
Voting Rights and the 2020 Census

2020 Primary is March 17, 2020
Deadline to register to vote is February 18, 2020

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) protects the voting rights of persons with disabilities. Are you registered to vote?

You can verify your voter status at the USA.gov website. Or if you are in the State of Ohio, you can go to their Voter Toolkit site to verify your voter information, update any address changes, find your polling place, look at a sample ballot or track your absentee ballot. Consider looking at the sample ballot for your district to familiarize yourself with who is running and the issues you will be voting on.

Be Counted in the 2020 Census

Every 10 years, the United States counts everyone who lives in the country! Taking part in the Census is easy, safe, and important. However, the Census Bureau has identified people with developmental disabilities as a “hard to count” population. Watch this video to learn why it’s vital to make sure Ohioans with disabilities are counted in the Census 2020.

It’s easy for you to be counted.

Every 10 years, the United States counts everyone who lives in the country, regardless of age, nationality, or ability. It is important for everyone to respond to the 2020 Census so that communities like yours can receive the funding they need for health care, accessibility services, and more.

The 2020 Census is accessible for everyone.

Beginning in mid-March 2020, you can respond to the census by answering a handful of questions online, by phone, or by mail.

- The online questionnaire is accessible to people with a wide range of disabilities.
- If you prefer to respond by mail but do not receive a questionnaire in your first mailing from the U.S. Census Bureau, you can wait for the fourth mailing, in mid-April 2020, which will include a questionnaire.
- If you have blindness or low vision, you can print a guide to the questionnaire in braille or large print from 2020CENSUS.GOV.
- If you have deafness or a hearing loss, you can:
  - Respond to the census using telephone devices for hearing impaired.
  - Access video guides to the questionnaire in American Sign Language on 2020CENSUS.GOV.
  - View online videos and webcasts with closed or open captioning.
  - Request a visit from a census taker who uses American Sign Language.

For more information, visit: 2020CENSUS.GOV

Coming Soon!!

Creatively Social - April 24th
eARTh Day: Recycled Art Workshop
We are excited to kick off our new inclusive workshop series:

**Creatively Social!**

These creative workshops will be for individuals 16 years and older, with and without disabilities, and provide an opportunity for creative expression and social engagement.

Workshops will be led by Creative Instructors and Therapists from the community (Music Therapists, Community Artists, Drama Instructors/Therapists, Dance Instructors/Therapists, Art Therapists, etc.)

Workshops will typically be held on Thursday/Friday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm at OLA/St. Joseph Center in Tremont. Cost to attend is determined by instructor and materials needed.

**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

4/24/20- eARTh Day: Recycled Art Workshop  
Cost: $10

10/23/20- Dias De Los Muertos Assemblage Art Workshop  
Cost: $10

*More creative workshop dates coming soon!*

For more information and to sign up please contact Lauren Mailey by email or call (216) 334-2963

If you are interested in being part of these workshops as an instructor or volunteer please contact Lauren!

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**Schedule for Beatitudes and Faith & Light Programs**

The **Beatitudes** is a program offering sacramental and catechetical ministries to children with developmental disabilities in the Diocese of Cleveland. This ministry is offered at St. Augustine Parish. The following are the remaining 2020 dates. The theme this year is the Mass.

- February 22 - The Creed and Our Father
- March 14 - Preparing for Communion
- March 28 - The consecration and communion
- April 25 - Closing Prayer / What do we sing at Mass?
- May 9 - Let us plan our special Mass
- May 23 - Closing Mass

**Faith & Light** is a gathering of individuals with disabilities and their families/friends. They come together to worship, pray together and share friendships. A community meets at St. Augustine Parish on the following dates in 2020:

- February 21 - Forgiveness
- March 20 - Healing
April 17 - Jesus is the way to the resurrection
May 15 - Unity
June 19 - Service

Please call Terry Hogan at 216-781-5530 if you are interested in attending or learning more about the Beatitudes and/or Faith & Light. Both are held at St. Augustine Parish - 2486 W. 14th St., Cleveland.

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Happy Valentine's Day from our Continuing Adult Education Program!

This past Saturday we started our Valentine's Day week off right with guest DJ Jim Gepperth of My Life DJ Services and chocolatiers Katie and Denise! Thank you to all of our guests for donating their time and talent to our program! We had a fantastic celebration!

We are excited to announce that our program is currently at full capacity! If you are interested in getting on the waiting list email Lauren Mailey or call our office at (216) 334-2963

Wishing you and yours many blessings,
Marilyn, Lauren, Fr. Joe & Bob
Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries