Greetings!

Happy March! Happy month of Spring! Hope you remembered to spring forward for Daylight Savings this past Sunday! And Happy St. Patrick’s Day!

The following is your March 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!

Next Dance Night is this Friday
March 13, 2020!
Wear your GREEN for St. Patrick's Day!

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

- Don't forget that all dancers should bring identification (ID or

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New Program Alert!!
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!

March is DD Awareness Month

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental
disabilities in all areas of community life, as well as awareness to the barriers that people with disabilities still sometimes face in connecting to the communities in which they live.

During March, visit Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council to discover resources, stories and more from around the state and the country on how supports and services are enabling people with developmental disabilities to become a part of their community in places where they want to live, work and go. #DDawareness2020

April is Autism Awareness Month
Light It Up Blue on April 2nd

April is World Autism Month, and Autism Speaks is inviting friends and neighbors around the world to come together and make 2020 the Year of Kindness. Join in pledging to create a kinder world this year! Learn more at the Autism Speaks website.

On April 2, wear something blue in support of understanding and acceptance for people with autism. We will post pictures on our Facebook page of Catholic Charities employees wearing blue that day! #LightItUpBlue

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

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@ccdcole.org or call (216) 334-2963

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.

- 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:

- 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.

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

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!