

Social Concerns  
Meeting on June 19, 2014

Plans for the Personal Care Products collection were discussed at the last meeting of SCM. The collection will be conducted during the month of July. An informational flyer listing needed items will be included in the bulletin on June 28th and 29th. Parishioners will be asked to donate tooth paste and brushes, soaps, deodorants, sunscreen, white socks, etc. that would be useful for the homeless. Baskets will be placed at the church entrances to receive the donations. Several local shelters will benefit from the parishioners' generosity.

The final number of children that SCM will be able to sponsor for Camp Kennedy in New Bedford will be 100. Each child will enjoy 2 weeks of summer camp with transportation. Two meals a day will be included. This can only be done because of the continuous charity of St. Mary's members. We were all very pleased with the final count.

The annual St. Mary Summer Picnic will be held on August 10th from 1:00 to 4:00. SCM has been asked to assist in the planning and execution of the event. Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Annette Gamache at 508 965-7039 if you can help.

The ongoing plans for the baby distribution center, Diapers and Things, were presented. It will be housed at Our Lady of Guadeloupe/ St. James Parish and will be opened once a week. SCM will sponsor a diaper drive in September to assist the new center.

No further summer meetings have been scheduled. The next meeting will be September 18th at 2:00 in the afternoon.