



OUR MISSION:  
WE SEEK TO ACTIVELY  
ENGAGE ALL PARISHIONERS IN  
WORKS OF CHARITY AND  
CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE  
THROUGH MINISTERING TO  
PEOPLE IN THE DARTMOUTH /  
NEW BEDFORD COMMUNITY  
WHO NEED ASSISTANCE.



## GATHERINGS



Grocery collections awaiting pick-up. •

## MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm. Notices are posted in the weekly bulletin. New members, new ideas and enthusiasm are very welcome. Join us at any time. Please call the parish office for further information Monday through Thursday 9:00 to 5:00.

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## SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY



"This is how all will know that you  
are my disciples, if you have love  
for one another."

John 13:35

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Social Concerns is a parish sponsored ministry made up of parishioners and friends who volunteer to help struggling families in the Dartmouth/New Bedford area. For holidays we work exclusively through local schools to identify those families in need. For other SCM projects, we collaborate with area social service agencies.



Easter baskets for children.

## CHRISTIANITY THROUGH FELLOWSHIP

SCM sponsors several projects throughout the year to benefit area families. However, it is only through the very generous donations made by our fellow parishioners that we can find success in this field. Listing some of the events we sponsor best defines our mission.

### THANKSGIVING AND EASTER:

SCM collects food items and gift cards for the Thanksgiving and Easter feasts that have been donated by the Parishioners. Pickup at the Parish Center is done by the recipients themselves.

### CHRISTMAS:

SCM collects donated grocery gift cards that can be used for either gifts or food to allow families to decide their particular greater need. School guidance counselors select the recipients.

### PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS:

SCM collects, sorts and distributes personal care products to local shelters in July and August. This is a very well-received project by all who benefit.

### KENNEDY SUMMER CAMP:

SCM sponsors scholarships for two weeks of summer day camp at Fort Rodman in New Bedford. Tuition provides transportation and meals for children selected by the schools.

### DIAPER DRIVE:

Parishioners are asked to donate diapers once a year. The diapers benefit area families.



Members sort gift cards for Christmas.