

# Levittown's Catholic Daughters keep the spirit of unity

To keep members engaged, Catholic Daughters Court St. Pius X #1690 of St. Bernard's Church in Levittown has found new ways to bring comfort and provide socialization to its members. Via its local, state and national Facebook pages, Catholic Daughters (CDA) has provided daily prayer opportunities to provide spiritual nourishment to anyone interested in participating.

Locally, to substitute for its monthly meetings in the parish center the organization has held live meetings at St. Bernard's Church exercising all proper protocols of social distancing and wearing masks and has organized drive-by events to wish some of its elderly or homebound members a happy birthday or a speedy recovery or just to let them know they're in the thoughts and prayers of the membership.

Prior to the onset of the pandemic, the Court ran a very successful clothing drive collecting more than 9,000 pounds of clothing and fabrics to support the work of ReWearAble, a charity of the Association for Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities (ACLD) that repurposes all fabrics.

Traditionally, prior to the Holiday season, Catholic Daughters has held a very successful Crafts Market to help raise funds to support local organizations and provide scholarships to members' children or grandchildren. That, in addition to other smaller fundraising events, like an annual

Bingo night and Election Day Pasta Dinner was curtailed last year due to the pandemic. However, two of the Court's members, who are crafters, offered a percentage of their Holiday revenues from purchases made by CDA members to help support the work of the Court.

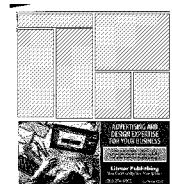
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According to Regent Mary Lynn Borst, "Even though our 'normal' activities have been stalled for now, we have found ways to safely gather and keep in touch. We currently have 90 members in our Court and we are always welcoming more!"

For more information about membership in Levittown's Catholic Daughters Court St. Pius #1690, please contact one of the committee chairs: Susan Maher 516-633-8960 or Kathy Scarallo 516-319-3238.

To learn more about Catholic Daughters or participate in prayer events, visit the following Facebook pages: For St. Bernard's Court [https://www.facebook.com/groups/1289731697723699/?modal=false&multi\\_permalink=3818795378150639&should\\_open\\_composer=false](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1289731697723699/?modal=false&multi_permalink=3818795378150639&should_open_composer=false); for New York State's at <https://cdanys.org/>; for the National organization at <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicDaughtersOfTheAmericas/>.

Photos by Mary Lynn Borst





*St. Bernard's Catholic Daughters Court #1690 gather at Gardiners Ave. School to start the December drive-by event. Pictured (left to right) are Amelia Montgomery, Debbie Stellakis, Sandy Leonard, Anne-Marie Pokorny, Diane Gambaro, Marie Dennington-Chavez, Midge Finck, Evelyn Brathwaite and Ita Murphy.*



*CDA sister Dolores Schiavone welcomes a visit from the group.*



*Bea McGinn welcomes CDA sisters at the December drive-by.*