

WHAT IS BETANIA?

Betania means Bethany, the town where Jesus visited his friends, Lazarus and his sisters, Mary and Martha.

Do you have a friend or relative who you can escape to as a refuge from the world... a place of peace where you can relax and enjoy good company, the gifts of life and the spirit of God's joy? This is what Jesus did when He visited Lazarus. He left the everyday world behind and relaxed with His friends.

Let's call the biblical Bethany the model for the establishment of Betania I in Venezuela. Our Lord and His Holy Mother prophesied the location of Betania I in Venezuela as well as Betania II in Medway, Massachusetts, to our mystic founder, Maria Esperanza, Servant of God. Maria was also told that these sanctuaries of refuge will be established all over the world.

As of today there are 17 Betanias: 1. Venezuela; 2. Massachusetts; 3. Long Beach, NJ; 4. Los Angeles, CA; 5. Miami, FL; 6. Buenos Aires, Argentina; 7. Lima, Peru; 8. Rome, Italy; 9. Madrid, Spain; 10. Williamstown, NJ; 11. Haddon Heights, NJ; 12. Koenigstein im Taunus, Germany; **13. Long Island, NY**; 14. Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands; 15. Richmond, Prince Edward Island, Canada; 16. Bricktown, NJ; 17. Houma, La.

Our founder, Maria Esperanza, predicted that thousands of souls will come as refugees to these places of spiritual peace, just as Jesus did when He went to Bethany. They will be



The apparitions of Betania I have been approved by the church in 1987, and by Bishop Pio Bello Ricardo, of Los Teques, Venezuela. The late Bishop Ricardo received from Maria Esperanza in 1988 a share of the land where she felt the basilica in honor of Our Lady of Betania would be erected. Maria Esperanza died in Long Beach, New Jersey on August 7, 2004, at the age of 75.

sanctuaries especially for families and youth.

When the time is right for sincere benefactors to help us purchase the land and establish the chapel and structures we need to help souls come back to Jesus, and bring families and youth together again in peace, is all up to the Will of God and the intercession of His Mother under the title, **"MARY, RECONCILER OF ALL PEOPLES"**

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CATHOLICS MAY NOT VOTE FOR PRO- ABORTION POLITICIANS

Cardinal Raymond L. Burke



Presently Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signature, the highest judicial authority in the Catholic Church.

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Interviewed by John Jalsevac and Kathleen Gilbert – *(Interview before he was elevated to Cardinal)*

...Cardinal-designate Raymond Burke has said in a new interview that voters must recognize their solemn obligation to defend their unborn brothers and sisters when approaching the voting booth.

"You may never vote for someone who favors absolutely the right of choice of a woman to destroy a human life in her womb or the right to a procured abortion," the archbishop told

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MESSAGES OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MEDJUGORJE

Message of February 25, 2012 *"Dear children! At this time, in a special way I call you: 'pray with the heart.' Little children, you speak much and pray little. Read and meditate on Sacred Scripture, and may the words written in it be life for you. I encourage and love you, so that in God you may find your peace and the joy of living. Thank you for having responded to my call."*

Message of March 25, 2012 *"Dear children! Also today, with joy, I desire to give you my motherly blessing and to call you to prayer. May prayer become a need for you to grow more in holiness every day. Work more on your conversion because you are far away, little children. Thank you for having responded to my call."*

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AND NATIONS.” The whole staff of Betania XIII, including lawyers, financial advisors, editors, secretaries and the writer of this newsletter is comprised of volunteers. No one is salaried. Every tax-deductible penny you send us is used for the expenses incurred for the establishment of Betania XIII. Please pray and help the miracle of Betania XIII to become a reality soon.



*Modern Day Bethany
Named today al-Azariyeh*

The tomb of Lazarus is located near the Franciscan Church under a mosque. Muslims also venerate Lazarus and they constructed steps that lead to where Jesus stood and called Lazarus out of the tomb.

As the designated coordinator of Betania XIII, I have witnessed prayers answered through the intercession of Maria Esperanza, Servant of God. She's been an intercessor of prayers for the sick, for broken families, for those witnessing financial pressures, and for the return of family members to the faith.

BETHANY HISTORY



Jesus raises His friend, Lazarus, from the dead at Bethany. How many souls will be saved at all the Betanias throughout the world?

Most of us remember the Gospel account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. The Gospel also gives the story of Martha and Mary. Martha complains to Jesus that Mary is not doing her fair share of the work preparing the food. Jesus says to Martha; “Martha, Martha you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing.. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.” Luke: 10:41

Please join us at our meetings on the 3rd Friday of each month, weather permitting, at St. Mary's Church, Bryant Avenue, Roslyn NY. We celebrate Mass or Benediction and the rosary followed by refreshments and an update on Betania XIII and the Betania Foundation worldwide. For information, call Deacon Ed Case, 516-314-9780 or Joan and Tony Grau, 516-801-1035.

Bethany is not far from Jerusalem and about a 35-minute walk from the Mount of Olives. This Bethany is not the same as the “Bethany beyond the Jordan” which some believed to be the area where John the Baptist baptized Jesus.



*Outside the Tomb of
Lazarus - Bethany*



Inside the Tomb

NEXT BETANIA 13 MEETING
MAY 18, 2012

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CHRISTIANS JUDGING ONE ANOTHER

Bible Verses which indicate when it is permissible to judge others

1 Corinthians 5:11-13 – But I now write to you to not associate with anyone named a brother, if he is immoral, greedy, an idolater, a slanderer, a drunkard, or a robber, not even to eat with such a person. For why should I be judging outsiders? Is it not your business to judge those within? God will judge those outside. Purge the evil person from your midst.

2 Thessalonians 3:6 – We instruct you, brother, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to shun any brother who conducts himself in a disorderly way and not according to the tradition they received from us.

James 5:19-20 – My brothers, if anyone among you should stray from the truth and someone bring him back, he should know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Ezekiel 3:17-21 – Thus the word of the Lord came to me: Son of man, I have appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel. When



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CATHOLICS MAN NOT VOTE PRO-ABORTION POLITICIANS *Continued from page 1*

Thomas McKenna, President of Catholic Action for Faith and Family...

McKenna interviewed Cardinal-designate Burke in Rome on October 20, literally hours after it was announced he would be elevated to cardinal. The archbishop told McKenna, "As a bishop, it's my obligation in fact to urge the faithful to carry out their civic duty in accord with their Catholic faith." Catholics, he said, have "a very serious moral obligation to vote for those candidates who would uphold the truth of the moral law, which of course also serves the greatest good of everyone in society."

"You may in some circumstances where you don't have any candidate who is proposing to eliminate all abortion, choose the candidate who will most limit this grave evil in our country," he explained, "but you could never justify voting for a candidate who not only does not want to limit abortion but believes that it should be available to everyone."

Cardinal Burke has taught repeatedly that Catholic politicians who support abortion rights may not receive Holy Communion and that Catholics who know of the politicians' voting record on these issues cannot vote for them and retain "a clear conscience."

In the recent interview, the archbishop explained that such politicians create "scandal," which he defined as "doing something or omitting to do something that leads other people into confusion or error about the moral good."

"Here's the perfect example of Catholics who betray their Catholic faith in political life, as legislators, as judges, or whatever it may be, leading other people to believe that abortion must not be the great evil that it is, or that abortion is in fact a good thing in certain circumstances."

To those who would vote for pro-abortion politicians because they agree with those politicians on other issues, the archbishop said he would say, "Do you follow the golden rule that was taught to us by the Lord himself in the Gospels?"

you hear a word from my mouth, you shall warn them for me. If I say to the wicked man, "You shall surely die," and you do not warn him or to speak out to dissuade him from his wicked conduct so that he may live, that wicked man shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, on the other hand, you have warned the wicked man, yet he does not turn away from his evil, nor from his wicked conduct, then he shall die for his sin, but you will save your life.

If a virtuous man turns away from virtue and does wrong when I place a stumbling block before him, he shall die. He shall die for his sin and his virtuous deeds shall not be remembered; but I will hold you responsible for his death if you did not warn him. When, on the other hand, you have warned a virtuous man not to sin, and he has in fact not sinned, he shall surely live because of the warning, and you shall save your own life.

Leviticus 31-37, Office of Readings, Tuesday, 4th week of Lent

...in rendering judgment...show no partiality to the weak nor deference to the mighty, but judge your fellow men justly...nor shall you stand by idly when your neighbor's life is at stake, I am the Lord.

Corinthians 11:27-28 – Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks

"In other words," he explained, "do you do unto others as you would want them to do unto you. Do you really consider it fair to advance some interest you have, which may be a good interest – whether it's the environment, or whatever it might be – at the cost of denying to other members of society, especially those who depend upon us completely for life itself, to deny them the right to life?"

"I think that if most people would reflect in this way, simply in terms of the golden rule, they would realize that "no, it can never be right."

The archbishop also pointed out that while some criticize the Church for upholding traditional marriage as a form of "discrimination" against homosexuals, such critics fail to recognize that the Catholic Church, in teaching that sexual acts between persons of the same sex are intrinsically evil – are against nature itself – is simply announcing the truth, helping people to discriminate right from wrong in terms of their own activities."

While racial and other types of discrimination may be unjust, he said, "There is a discrimination which is perfectly just and good, and namely that's the discrimination between what is right and what is wrong."

In a press release announcing the interview, McKenna commented, "Millions of Catholics have no idea it's a sin to vote for candidates who favor these grave evils, which attack the very foundations of society." In his interview, said McKenna, "[Cardinal-designate Burke] makes it very clear what the responsibility of every American Catholic will be for their vote in the next election.

The videotaped interview is available in two five-minute videos on YouTube, and a 25-minute Q&A video interview that is available for broadcast at CatholicAction.org. Go to Archives – Abortion.

Post Script: May I note here that Cardinal Burke has repeated the Church's position on this important subject many times since. Unfortunately, many so-called Catholics, professed and laity, are creating their own theology and causing much confusion and scandal. FG, Coordinator, OMQOP

the cup (chalice) of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup.

Note:

These few verses demonstrate that we can judge the actions of our brothers and sisters. We are not judging them as to their eternal destiny. That is God's prerogative. *Nick DiVito and Fino Giordano*

Join us every Monday 9:30 AM

Apologetics Class FREE

Rev. Paul Driscoll, St. Francis Assisi Church, Greenlawn, NY

On Moderation and Self-Denial:

"For it is better to suffer a little want than to have too much."

St. Augustine of Hippo

On Suffering:

"If God causes you to suffer much, it is a sign that He certainly intends to make you a saint."

Saint Ignatius

God commands you to pray, but forbids you to worry...
 the more one prays the more one wishes to pray...
 God sends no trial without consolation.

Saint Jean Marie Batiste Vianney – The Cure' of Ars – 1786-1859 Fino

Everyone on our board and staff are not salaried. We are all dedicated to the messages of Our Holy Mother and Her direction, "Do whatever HE tells you." In 2:5 We are faithful to Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI and the Magisterium of the church. Your prayers and donations have made these past twenty five years possible. Please continue your support now more than ever. The world needs your prayers and Betania XIII. Do you know a benefactor that would be interested?

We meet on the third Friday of each month at the Church of Saint Mary Roslyn, NY, 7:45pm, 110 Bryant Ave. We Celebrate Mass or Benediction if possible pray the rosary, and afterwards we spend some time for updating and witnessing as we enjoy some refreshments. For further information: Deacon Ed Case 516-621-1172 or Joan and Tony Grau 516-801-1035 – All depending on the weather especially during the winter months.



ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Future meetings – February 17th,
 March 16th, April 20th & May 18th, 2012

All Are Welcome



First Saturday is Parish Day:

Lindenhurst, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, starts 7:40am
 Hicksville, Our Lady of Mercy, starts 7:40am
 Center Moriches, St. John the Evangelist, starts 7:40am
 Glen Cove, St. Patrick, starts 8:40am
 Manhasset, St. Mary's, starts 8:00am
 Glen Cove, St. Rocco's, starts 8:00am
 Shoreham, St. Mark's, starts 9:00am followed by Rosary

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