

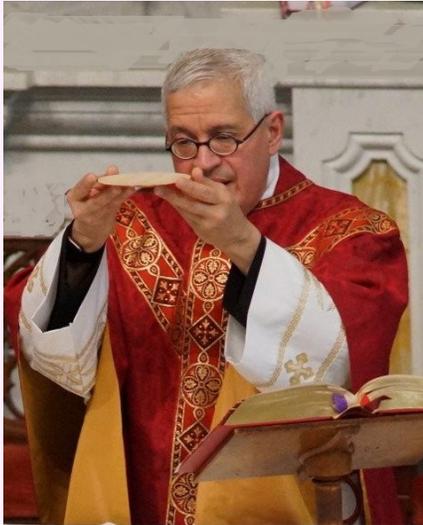


Radio Mass of Baltimore

Easter 2018 Newsletter



Directors Easter Message



Fr Casciotti

“Remember, as yet they did not understand the Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.”

Mary of Magdala sees the stone rolled back and runs for the others. Peter looks at the scene and reaches no conclusion. **Only the disciple Jesus loved** puts it all together. He sees—*deeply*—and *believes*.

We will never understand the Scripture, never be changed by the Resurrection, apart from *a pro-*

found love for Christ, unless we have buried some of our *own* beloved ones and *mourned* them.

The bond between John and Jesus represents the relationship each of us (man *or* woman) is to have with the Lord.

Our adolescent culture snickers at two men loving each other, but at the Last Supper Jesus made the Beloved Disciple recline next to him so that he could lean on his chest. An Anglican Monk comments:

The image of this physical closeness sets up a mysterious resonance with an image the evangelist has used before for the eternal relationship of the Son with God the Father: “No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known”.

Strictly speaking, the word translated here as “heart” means “breast.” So the evangelist is suggesting that the friendship between Jesus and the disciple he especially loved was of such depths that it had become an expression of the divine union of Father and Son.

Jesus in the bosom of the Father. You and I, all of us, in the bosom of *Jesus*. God *desires* to be as close to us by *grace* as Jesus is to him by *nature*. St. Paul said it all in the Letter to the Romans:

I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come...can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Holy Thursday Chrism Mass



Holy Oils

On Holy Thursday morning the bishop, joined by the priests of the diocese, gather to celebrate the Chrism Mass. This Mass manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop.

Here the bishop blesses three oils — the oil of catechumens, the oil of the infirm and holy chrism all of which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year. This tradition is rooted in the early Church as noted in the *Gelasian Sacramentary*, named after Pope Gelasius I. Over time the tradition was absorbed into the Holy Thursday evening Mass. Then Pope Pius XII issued a new Ordinal for Holy Week, which reinstated a special Mass of the chrism distinct from the evening Mass and is now the present practice.

Given this heritage, the early Church adopted the use of olive oil for its sacramental rituals. The Oil of Catechumens is used in

connection with the sacrament of baptism. St. Hippolytus, in his *Apostolic Tradition* (A.D. 215), wrote of an “oil of exorcism” used to anoint the candidates immediately before baptism. This practice continues: In the current baptismal liturgy, the priest offers the prayer of exorcism and then with the oil of catechumens anoints the person to be baptized on the chest, saying, “We anoint you with the oil of salvation in the name of Christ our Savior; may He strengthen you with His power, Who lives and reigns forever and ever.”

The oil of the infirm is used in the sacrament of the anointing of the sick where the priest, anointing the forehead of the person, says, “Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit,” and then anointing his hands, says, “May the Lord who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up.” Another body part may also be anointed if the hands are not accessible or if there is another particular need.

Finally, holy chrism is a mixture of olive oil and balsam, an aromatic resin. This oil is used in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and holy orders, since they impart an indelible sacramental character. The blessing of the holy chrism is different from that of the other oils: Here the bishop

breathes over the vessel of chrism, a gesture which symbolizes both the Holy Spirit coming down to consecrate this oil, and the life-giving, sanctifying nature of the sacraments for which it is used.

Regarding baptism, the priest anoints the person on the crown of the head with chrism, saying, “God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin and given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit. He now anoints with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of His body, sharing everlasting life. Amen.”

In the sacrament of confirmation, the bishop anoints the forehead of the candidate with chrism saying, “Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Sacred chrism is also used in the sacrament of holy orders. In the ordination rite of a priest, the bishop anoints with chrism the palms of each new priest. In the ordination rite of a bishop, the consecrating bishop anoints the head of the new bishop.

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The Radio Mass Staff and Volunteers extend our best wishes for a Blessed and Happy Easter to all of our Faithful Listeners and Benefactors

Meet Fr. Rizzo



Fr. A J Rizzo SJ

Why is this priest wearing such a terrific smile? This is Fr. A. J. Rizzo, a recently ordained Jesuit and native Philadelphian. He is working in the Baltimore area at Loyola Blakefield and our St Ignatius parish. On January 28, 2018, Fr. Rizzo celebrated our Radio Mass broadcast for the first time. Now and forever he is part of a seventy-two year old Baltimore tradition. Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, and a host of distinguished Jesuits have preceded him in this same ministry. Who in such company wouldn't have a great smile? Radio Mass welcomes Fr. Rizzo and hopes he remains for awhile. Know this, — wherever his career carries him, Fr Rizzo will remain in our hearts.

Radio Mass Potpourri

Below are recent Radio Mass updates:

- Effective Sunday November 12, 2017 — WQLL 1370 AM no longer carries our broadcast. This is a change in WQLL broadcasting policy. Radio Mass will continue broadcasting only on WCBM 680 AM. You can still listen on Sundays at the same times :

Live at — 9:03 am Re-broadcast at — 6:03 pm
- Our Director, Fr. Casciotti makes an appearance at each broadcast . When he isn't the celebrant he prays the intercessions after the creed.
- Our cantor now sings the psalms after the first reading rather than the psalms being read by the lector.
- Did you know that because of broadcast time constraints, communion is distributed to the attending congregation after the final blessing. Eucharistic Ministers receive communion during the broadcast at the normal time.
- Fr. Charles Borges recently returned from a semester of proctoring Loyola University students attending school in Thailand. He is scheduled to be with us on March 18.

Jesus on the Cross is a Mother dying to give birth to the *family* of God. Jesus gives Mary to John and John to Mary.

In *this- house- hold* God's love is made *believable* only if we care for each other *as son* for mother and *as mother* for only son.

The Catholic faith is not live-and-let-live. It is not a private set of beliefs that have no place in the public forum. It's about *family*, the *human* family. It's about standing up so that no *blessed*

mother loses her health care, is abandoned in her need, or gets deported—or that no *holy* child goes unborn, unprotected, unloved, unfed, uneducated.

Today we renew our baptismal vows, our faith in the Risen Lord and one another. One who *sees deeply* and *believes* can no longer take no stand or *trudge* along driven only by duty and habit.

The Resurrection requires *more* of us. With all of our doubts and all

of our weaknesses, we are expected to live in this world with sure and certain *hope*, with *courage* and *joy*.

Beyond all dying there is *life*—*life together*.

The empty, silent tomb calls each of us so quietly—to witness to something we neither fully *understand* nor *yet* live up to—the dignity and destiny of each of us drawn together on the bosom of the Lord.

Fr. Casciotti 2017 Easter Homily

About Radio Mass

Our Mission Statement

Radio Mass of Baltimore, a seventy two year ministry of the Maryland Jesuits and Saint Ignatius Church, broadcasts the Liturgy of the Eucharist live every Sunday for the sick, homebound, imprisoned and other interested persons in the Baltimore-Washington region. This ministry provides an opportunity for Catholics and others listeners to draw closer to God in adoration and closer to others in service.

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