

Church of the Resurrection Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday June 16, 2026
7:45pm to 9:00pm
Church of the Resurrection, Large Conference Room (Pastoral Center)

P = Present E = Excused

Pastoral Council (voting members)

<u>Member</u>	<u>Status</u>
Kevin Bellamy	P
Michael Cain	P
Pat Cirasole	E
Max Fiallos	P
Mary Hogan	P
Kathy Kraft (CS)	P
Sharon Lanza Tom Lauer (P)	P P
David Lucero	P
Cathy Parrish	P
Paul Reif	P
Carolyn Sherman (RS)	P
Luke Thomas Sara Thomas	P E
Paul Venginickal	P
Brad Weiss (VP)	P
Jospeh Welsko	P
<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Status</u>
Fr. Andy Aaron (Pastor)	P

Others in attendance

<u>Standing Committees & Ministries</u> <u>(reports reviewed prior to mtg.)</u>	
<u>Ministry / Lead</u>	<u>Reporting Months</u>
Liturgy (Roy Harris)	NOV / JAN / MAR / MAY
Fellowship (Mary Reif)	NOV / JAN / MAR / MAY
Social Justice (John Wilkin)	NOV / JAN / MAR / MAY
Adult Faith Formation (Kate Kleintank)	DEC / FEB / APR / JUN
K-5 Faith Formation (Susan Yost)	DEC / FEB / APR / JUN
Youth Ministry (Shannon Turlik)	DEC / FEB / APR / JUN
CAM Summary (Kathy Kraft)	MONTHLY
<u>Pastoral Council</u> <u>Priority Committees</u>	All Months
Welcome, Hospitality, New Families, Young People	Sharon Lanza (Lead)
Engage & Connect Parishioners	Michael Cain (Lead)
Small Church Community	Kevin Bellamy (Lead)

1. **Call to Order:** (PC President / VP)
2. **Roll Call / Establish Quorum** (Recording Secretary) Quorum established
3. **Opening Prayer & Short Reflection** from Brad Weiss
4. **May 19, 2026 - Minutes** were approved electronically and posted to CoR Website.
5. **President's Comments** – Tom extended a heartfelt thank-you to outgoing council members (Carolyn S, Paul R, Paul V, Dave L) and a warm welcome to new members (Sara, Luke, Max, Mary, Joseph). For new members, outlined that the Council gets 75 minutes a month for meetings; bring your ideas, thoughts, energy and prayers! Be heard – which sometimes, due to time constraints, might mean that conversations take place outside of meeting times. Tom reiterated the importance of Pope Francis' book *Joy of the Gospel* (which Tom previously handed out). Tom also handed out a reading list—books he's found to be very impactful—encouraging members, if they can, to read at least one over the summer to help us understand the new Council model and to learn more about the "missionary church." See below for list.

Members of the Council took a moment to recognize Tom's outstanding leadership this past year.

6. **Pastor Report / Update**

General Updates from Pastor: Please be thinking and praying about the joint retreat on June 27th. After mass at 8:00 am (St Paul), will meet in Dohony Hall to come up with 3 or 4 priorities for how to grow the pastorate.

7. **Councilor at Mass (CAM)** (Corresponding Secretary) No issues came up; Kathy held CAM training (in church, at mic/lectern) with new members just prior to tonight's meeting.

8. **Review of Pastoral Council Priority Committees**

- a. Welcome, Hospitality, New Families (Sharon Lanza) Has held 2 Meet and Greets so far. At second one, saw especially good interaction *among* parishioners and *between* parishioners and Council Members/Ministry Leads. Good to have PC members there, gives new parishioners more familiarity for when they see us at mass. Goal is to bring in the new families and get them involved with ministries. Next one is July 26th, after 11:30 mass. Sharon will hold a committee meeting in the coming weeks in preparation.

Tom gave Sharon a sample "glad you're here" handout, which has things like where might you like to get involved, is there something/someone you'd like us to pray for. Maybe draw up something like this for Meet and Greets, and/or for CAM or greeters to hand out. Sharon could also reach out to Greeter lead Carolyn Kuchinski to see how to best use such a tool. Perhaps could also be used by Dee Wilkie when she makes phone calls to new parishioners.

As an adjacent topic, Sharon noted that people had seen her prototype magnetic Res bumper sticker and asked how to get one. We will in fact go forward with ordering bumper stickers (thanks to Pat and Brad for design and acquisition), using private funding from various individuals. Had originally intended to use budgeted Council money, but as requested by Finance/Fr. Andy, had to cut back on that due to unexpected bills (mostly increase in utilities). Fr. Andy approved that CAM could sell them after masses for a nominal fee.

- b. Engage & Connect, Volunteers and Brochure (Michael Cain) Re-capped the March mini ministry fair, big kudos to Cathy Parrish for her energy in making this happen and for giving the pulpit talk. Looking to hold another fair, though Hall calendar is quite booked. Reached out to Susan Yost/Faith Formation, who noted that the weekend of the Walk for the Homeless might work. Mike/Kathy still compiling ministries/POC trifolds, might add a QR code. Maybe need a gmail for the Council? More brainstorming to come. Need outreach to young adults.
- c. Small Church Community (Kevin Bellamy) Good feedback from Lenten small groups; some people did express interest in being leaders (though survey was anonymous). Also interviewed existing small groups leaders, which provided wealth of info. The big take-away: not so much worried about finding content –there’s plenty out there. Rather, seems the best way to get new small groups going is to find the leaders FIRST, equip them with training and content, and have THEM invite people to their small group.

Also, surveys revealed that there wasn’t a lot of concern about space; it’s known that spots on campus are limited; people comfortable with at-home or at a local eateries. Generally speaking, the people who are now in small groups (like Small Church Communities/SCCs) are the people you would expect to be in a small group. What about that next layer of parishioners – how do we reach them? Another possibility for expanding small groups – groups that get too large could offshoot into a separate new group.

Kathy offered a suggestion for a focus group to engage non-small-group members; Kevin brought up possibility of a small-group fair to engage non-group members and offer support to existing and potential groups and leaders. In attendance at such a fair could be groups open to new members, as well as reps from “full” groups who could share info on how their small group operates.

9. Review of Standing Committee and Ministry Reports

- a. Youth Ministry – Shannon Turlik. There’s an amazing array of summer activities coming up, including work camps; donations always appreciated.
- b. Adult Faith Formation – Kate Kleintank (did not receive any reporting this month—it’s ok Kate, we know you’re extremely busy!)

- c. K-5 Faith Formation – Susan Yost. Fund raising in progress for the two offerings of VBS; more leaders and catechists needed.

10. Pastoral Council Business – Other Topics for Discussion

- a. Budget – Any questions on approved FY26-27 Budget, ask Tom, who will try to get answers. This year we (the Council) spent about 25% of our budget, mostly due to recently requested pull back on spending from Finance.
- b. Be aware that PC Committees *can* get members from outside of the PC! Need to make the committees sustainable, don't want to burn people out. If/when recruiting, consider asking face-to-face (a la Mary Reif, queen of finding volunteers (like for Lenten soup making!)). Though always be respectful if ask ends in a no.
- c. Finance Update – Looking to get a general state of the union as to parish finances; while we've seen the budget, not all of us are good at interpreting the numbers. St. Paul's gets a quarterly review; Fr. Andy has no issues with us receiving similar. Father Andy suggested that we work with Chris Hannan from the Finance Council. Tom will work with Fr. Andy to get an introduction to Chris and provide for periodic finance updates. Briefly, from Fr. Andy, from a recent Finance meeting: vision 20/20 is good, Lenten appeal was good; offertory has gone up only marginally. Winter utilities have really been an issue; and as families are facing these same issues, this may explain why the offertory has gone up only marginally. Fr. Andy noted he did a "soft push" for funding via FB; plans to do a bigger push in the fall.
- d. State of the Council
 - i. What is working? What does not work? How do we become more mission focused? What can I do to make a difference? What about people who don't come to church any more, how do we reach out to them? What do we focus on to best support the pastor and our parish.
- e. Fall Fest – reminder that only past and current PC members man the tickets/cashiering—please clear your calendars for October 3rd!!
- f. Big thanks to Fr. Andy for work on Adoration Chapel within the chapel – he expects it to be ready o/a 15 August!
- g. New Guidance Document – governing docs for the council—worked on by Mike and Kathy.
 - i. Will replace existing constitution & by-laws, maintaining best parts
 - ii. Father Andy has OK'd the document
 - iii. Document now with Council members for review.

- h. June 27 Retreat (8 am – 10:30 am) 8:00 am mass at St. Paul, then Dohony Hall. Fr. Andy and John Peery (Council President at St. Paul) are planning it. The goal of the retreat is for the Resurrection Council to determine key priorities for the coming year.

11. Regular meeting over at 8:45. Kathy then led elections. Positions were unopposed.

President: Tom Laurer (2nd year!)

VP: Mike Cain

Recording Secretary: Pat Cirasole

Parish Liaison (former Corresponding Secretary): Kathy Kraft (also 2nd year!)

Congrats and THANK YOU to all!

12. Fr. Andy closed us in prayer at 8:50. Social held after meeting.

13. Actions Needed Resulting from This Meeting:

- a. Budget overview from Chris Hannan —Tom and Fr. Andy to coordinate
- b. Council members: over the summer, try to read one book from Tom's book list
- c. Council members: read Guidance document – feedback to Tom
- d. Tom to get badges for new council members

14. Next Full-participation Pastoral Council Meeting:

- a. September 22 @ 6:15 in Dohony Hall on St. Paul's Campus

Summer opportunities:

- b. July 21 @ 6:15pm – Resurrection MP1 --For Committee Planning and Leads only, if they wish to meet
- c. August 15 @ 6:15pm – Resurrection MP1 --For Committee Planning and Leads only, if they wish to meet

15. Suggested reading list:

The Joy of the Gospel – Pope Francis

Divine Renovation – Fr. James Mallon

Rebuilt – Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran

A Light Brightly Visible – Archbishop Lori

Ablaze – Deacon Strohm

Forming Intentional Disciples – Sherry Weddell

Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples – Sherry Weddell

Living as Missionary Disciples – USCCB (committee on evangelization and catechesis)

Parking Lot for Future Discussion / Specific Action & Owner

- 1. Possible Joint Initiatives with St. Paul's