Church of the Resurrection

Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Center for Evangelization

P = Present; E = Excused; A = Absent

Pastoral Council (voting members)

Member	Status
Kevin Bellamy	E
Sandi Bieganski	P
Michael Cain (VP)	P
Pat Cirasole (RS)	P
Max Fiallos	E
Mary Hogan	E
Kathy Kraft (PL)	P
Sharon Lanza	P
Tom Lauer (P)	P
Cathy Parrish	P
Luke Thomas	P
Sara Thomas	P
Brad Weiss	P
Joseph Welsko	A

Clergy/Standing and Pastoral Council Committee Leads

Clergy	
Fr. Andy Aaron (X)	Pastor
Fr. Paul Kongnyuy ( )	Associate Pastor
Fr. Connor Schmidt (X)	Associate Pastor
Standing Committees and Ministries	
Liturgy	Roy Harris
Fellowship	Mary Reif
Social Justice	Gina Maclean
Adult Faith Formation	Kate Kleintank
K-5 Faith Formation	Kevin Nelson
Youth Ministry	Shannon Turlik
Property / Bldg. / Grounds	Rick Murray
Top PC Priorities Committees	
Welcome	Sharon Lanza
Engage	Sandi Bieganski
Community Outreach	Tom Lauer
Young Adults	Joseph Welsko

1. **Call to Order:** Tom Lauer, PC President, 6:15 p.m.
2. **Roll call/Establish Quorum** – Quorum established
3. **Opening Prayer and Reflection** - (Pat Cirasole)
4. **Minutes of October 27, 2026, Meeting** - approved and posted to parish website
5. **President's Comments: Tom Lauer**
    - Extra meeting time – If needed, Dohony Hall is available for further discussions
    - Commitment to Adoration – encouraged the council to continue to consider a commitment to adoration for 1 hour per week or bi-weekly or even monthly.
    - Involvement in committee work – All councilors should be involved in at least one committee and preferably two committees. The committee work is where we make a difference for our faith community. If Council members are not aware of when their committee is meeting, then they should reach out to the committee lead. And committee leads, please reach out to those folks who have not been attending. This is the responsibility of every parish council member.
    - ACTS Retreats -- The January women's retreat has sold out and has a waiting list; we need to work on momentum for the men's retreat in February 2027
6. **Pastor's Report/Update: Father Andy**
    - Update on the San Bartolo project -- After discussion with Social Justice Committee and CRS representatives, Father Andy decided to continue with the project using receipts for reimbursement
    - Adoration – There have been 120 keypad uses, and he wants people to sign up for hours; many folks attend adoration on their own and we may be able to promote 1-hour signups by distributing cards with QRCs during Adoration, and invite parishioners to spend time with the Lord.
    - Emergency Repairs – The school is seeking donations through November and December collections; one person already has donated $15,000
    - QRC Cards at Christmas -- Father Andy announced a new initiative involving distribution of QR code cards at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses to provide parishioners with more information and resources
7. **CAM Update:**
    - Coverage has been good, except for 7:30 Mass; Tom reminded everyone that CAM is the responsibility of every Council member

- CAMs should be sure to introduce themselves before reading the Announcements and send reports to Kathy within a day or two
- CAMs can refer people to the QR code on the Information Desk for ease of registering and/or send the link to follow up; Sharon Lanza would like to receive information about anyone interested in joining the parish
- CAM reports to be sent to Kathy for immediate resolutions Recent CAM comments included suggestions about saying "St. Michael the Archangel" at the end of Masses and resuming the ringing of consecration bells at Mass; Father Andy is not opposed to either and will consult the Liturgy Committee; the use of bells may begin during the holidays
- The pothole in parking lot is still an issue and there have been no updates from James Dale; Mike Cain will follow up on this issue

8. Review of Standing Committee and Ministry Reports

- Tom sent copies of reports from Fellowship, Liturgy, and Social Justice to all members for review

9. Review of Pastoral Council Priority Committees

- **Welcome Committee** – (members - Sharon Lanza Pat Cirasole, Sara Thomas, Brad Weis, Sandi Bieganski)
    - Sharon Lanza reported that the next Meet and Greets are scheduled for January 17 and April 18, 2027
      Participants needed to sell Resurrection bumper magnets and stickers after Masses on Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22, 2026; the committee also will be selling small stickers for $1 which should be popular with our younger folks
- **Engagement Committee** – (members - Sandi Bieganski, Mike Cain, Max Fiallos, Mary Hogan, Kathy Kraft, Tom Lauer, Cathy Parrish, Luke Thomas, Brad Wiess)
    - Sandi reported the committee is keeping the name "Engagement" rather than "Encounter" for now since parish is more familiar with that term

  Tinker Group -- Tom will work with James to build a database of volunteers with specific skill sets needed for various maintenance tasks around the parish; James will be the point person to help mitigate any liability issues

  Adoration Time for Ignite – Luke Thomas reported the proposal to dismiss from the chapel, and children are writing invitations to their parents to pray with them; Stephen Lay has agreed to provide a screen to post the words so everyone can participate

  Regional Caregiver Conference -- Cathy Parrish got approval from Father Andy to host a conference in coordination with the Department of Aging and Independence for Saturday, November 6, 2027; she will reserve the space and invite other parishes including the Korean

Church; they also will participate in a smaller gathering in the spring, which will help pinpoint areas that need more focus

- **Small Groups Committee** – (Pastoral Council Representative- Luke Thomas)
    - Luke Thomas reported that the leadership group met on November 15 and identified mentorship, training, and support for new leaders as priorities for seasonal and ongoing small groups; outreach for Lenten groups starts at Christmas Masses with the distribution of 4x6 cards with QRCs for Mass times and small groups; the plan is for distribution by ushers, greeters, and pastoral council members; Luke is investigating a small group database
- **Community Outreach** – (members – Tom Lauer, Kevin Bellamy, Mike Cain, Max Fiallos, Kathy Kraft, Sharon Lanza,)
    - Tom reported that, as an effort to reach out to former parishioners, Resurrection is mailing a postcard to 2,000 homes in four local specific ZIP codes; Kellie Mason and Stephen Lay are leading this project
      The committee is considering a second mailing in early spring and will be working with Becky Kaman and Jamie Price to collect demographic data

      The Outreach Committee changed its name to "Community Outreach" to help distinguish it from other outreach programs in the pastorate
- **Youth Group and Young Adults** – (members – Joseph Welsko, Kevin Bellamy, Mike Cain, Mary Hogan, Sharon Lanza, Sara Thomas)
    - Father Connor said about 30 people attended the Holy and Happy Hour held this past weekend; the plan is to hold two Holy and Happy Hours per month

10. Pastoral Council Business:

- Chris Hannon will meet with the Council via Zoom conference to discuss financial aspects of Resurrection on December 3 at 7:00 p.m.; Tom will see if we can record this 45-minute meeting for those who are unable to attend
- Tom is hoping to set up a second meeting with Becky Kaman from the Archdiocese for added pastoral council guidance around Archbishop Lori's core priorities of Welcome, Encounter, Accompaniment and Sending
- Kristen Fisher of Enkindle Catholic will speak at Resurrection as part of an Advent Mass and Pizza event on November 29 at 6:30 p.m., with Adoration at 7:15 p.m.
- Tom reminded the Council that there are two spots available for Resurrection as the Rebuilt Conference on May 3-4, 2027; topics will include managing volunteers and small groups

- The Fall Festival Committee, which met via Zoom on November 16, agreed it would be an annual event going forward; Carolyn Sherman, John Peery, and Kathy Kraft will lead the efforts to recruit leadership and co-leads for the 2027 event

11. School Update

- Sara Thomas had nothing new to report
- Tom congratulated the school for its designation as a Blue Ribbon School

12. Action Resulting from this Meeting:

- Adoration -- Speak with the Adoration Committee about placing cards with a QR code at the entrance to the chapel during adoration times; the code will lead to an invitation to consider a commitment to help us fill the open adoration spots
- Liturgical Bells – Father Andy will address this idea with the Liturgy team
- Handouts at Christmas Masses – Father Connor is preparing a handout with Mass times and information about small groups for Lent; greeters, ushers, and Council members can distribute after all the Christmas Masses
- Parish Holiday Mailer – Resurrection plans to send postcards on November 19, and Tom will check to see if we could get extras printed for SVdP to distribute to our neighbors to invite them to join Resurrection parish events
- St. Paul/Pastorate Annual Picnic – Tom will follow up with John Peery to see where St. Paul lands on having the picnic
- Pothole – Mike Cain will check with James Dales about the plan for repairs
- Howard County Fair – Tom will talk with Father Andy about resuming our participation in the fair with other Catholic organizations in Howard County
- Joint Pastoral Council Meeting on December 15 -- Resurrection Council will provide sandwiches, drinks, and side dishes, and St. Paul will bring desserts; Brad will help Tom with sandwiches
- Bumper Sticker Sales – Sharon asked the help of all Council members in selling the bumper stickers after all November 21 and 22 Masses

12. Optional Meeting Time

- No other time was needed

13. Next Meeting

- Next month's meeting will be a joint meeting with St. Paul's Pastoral Council, to be held on December 15 at 6:15 p.m. in Resurrection MP1 and MP2

- Resurrection will provide sandwiches, beverages, and sides, and St. Paul will provide desserts; Brad Weiss volunteered to pick up sandwiches

14. Closing Prayer and Blessing:

- The meeting concluded with a prayer by Father Andy
- Tom adjourned the meeting at about 7:30 p.m.