

**Church of the Resurrection Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday April 21, 2026**  
**7:45pm to 9:00pm**  
**Church of the Resurrection, Church Hall**

P = Present E = Excused

**Pastoral Council (voting members)**

**Others in attendance**

<u>Member</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Standing Committees &amp; Ministries</u> <u>(reports reviewed prior to mtg.)</u>	
Kevin Bellamy	E	<u>Ministry / Lead</u>	<u>Reporting Months</u>
Michael Cain	P	Liturgy (Roy Harris)	NOV / JAN / MAR / MAY
Pat Cirasole	E	Fellowship (Mary Reif)	NOV / JAN / MAR / MAY
Kathy Kraft (CS)	P	Social Justice (John Wilkin)	NOV / JAN / MAR / MAY
Sharon Lanza	P	Adult Faith Formation (Kate Kleintank)	DEC / FEB / APR / JUN
Tom Lauer (P)	P	K-5 Faith Formation (Susan Yost)	DEC / FEB / APR / JUN
David Lucero	P	Youth Ministry (Shannon Turlik)	DEC / FEB / APR / JUN
Cathy Parrish	P		
Paul Reif	P	CAM Summary (Kathy Kraft)	MONTHLY
Carolyn Sherman (RS)	P		
Paul Venginickal	P	<u>Pastoral Council</u> <u>Priority Committees</u>	All Months
Brad Weiss (VP)	P	Welcome, Hospitality, New Families, Young People	<b>Sharon Lanza (Lead),</b> Pat Cirasole, Carolyn Sherman
Sara Thomas: (non-voting) School Liaison	P	Engage & Connect Parishioners	<b>Michael Cain (Lead)</b> Cathy Parrish, Paul Venginickel, Brad Weiss
<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Status</u>	Small Church Community	<b>Kevin Bellamy (Lead),</b> Pat Cirasole, Kathy Kraft Tom Lauer
Fr. Andy Aaron (Pastor)	P		
Fr. Paul Kongnyuy (Associate Pastor)	E		
Fr. Kevin Farmer (Associate Pastor)	E		

1. **Call to Order:** (PC President / VP)
2. **Roll Call / Establish Quorum** (Recording Secretary) Quorum established.
3. **Opening Prayer & Short Reflection** from Tom
4. **January 20, 2026 - Minutes** were approved electronically and posted to CoR Website.
5. **President's Comments –**

--Tom gifted council members with the book by Pope Francis, 'Joy of the Gospel,' which talks about the church's missionary transformation (going from "maintenance" to "missionary.") The book is also a favorite of Archbishop Lori.

--April 12<sup>th</sup> New Parishioner Welcome Event was great!

--Thanks for praying the Divine Mercy Novena and Novena to Sacred Heart of Jesus; and to those praying the Holy Spirit Novena in advance of our 5 May to discern new council members.

6. **Pastor Report/Update** Excited about all new initiatives; keep praying about the coming year. Met with parishioner Nick Koutrelakos, who is a big "small groups" enthusiast. Plans to continue meeting with him to help increase participation in small groups.
7. **Councilor at Mass (CAM)** (Corresponding Secretary) It was a light month. Upon first mention of new process for seating council members, did receive a few comments about fairness of process. CAM that day subsequently followed up with parishioner, who then felt new process was a good way to go. Eight nomination statements so far. Kathy thanked members for good CAM manning.
8. **Review of Pastoral Council Priority Committees**

Welcome, Hospitality, New Families, Young People (Sharon Lanza)

- Had 2<sup>nd</sup> New Parishioner Meet and Greet on April 12<sup>th</sup>; had invited those who registered January through March, as well as those from the Nov/Dec/Jan who had been unable to attend previous Meet and Greet. 24 in attendance! Sharon was pleased to see that the new parishioners were talking with each other (in addition to talking with Council/Parish Ministries members who attended,) Some new members expressed interest in SVdP and helping with Fall Fest Food Court. As a closing activity, Sharon passed around a holy card showing a statue of Jesus and asked them to see if they noticed anything about the statue. No arms, no feet. Representing that we here on earth are Jesus's hands and feet. This received a good response and was a nice "go forth" message to new parishioners. Sharon plans on repeating this at future Meet and Greets.
- Passed around sample of parish bumper sticker – will be magnet type. Work is still in process, led by Pat Cirasole. Maybe obtain for purchase at Fall Fest (3 October)? And/or other Parish merch for Fall Fest?

- Sharon showed an example from a church bulletin with a “new parishioner corner.” If we decide to do this, it was highly recommended that we obtain permission from the new parishioner before publishing. Having such a corner would show that the church is growing—which is good for people to see.
- In doing the emails and phone calls to new parishioners, some felt that, well, I’ve been coming here for the last 2 years, it’s just that I finally registered, not sure that I’m a “new parishioner” and/or that I need to attend. Sharon encourages them to come anyway!
- Asked that Sharon send out reminders about upcoming Meet and Greets to Council member (so can perhaps plan to attend.)

#### Engage & Connect, Volunteers and Brochure (Michael Cain)

- Is consolidating info for ministries, names and contacts, and what that group is about. Looking to do trifold and something on website, something “prettier” than a spreadsheet. May try to do another ministry fair in May. Also, probably will hold one around back-to-school timeframe. Kathy Kraft offered to help with ministry descriptions.

#### Small Church Community (Kevin Bellamy; excused, Tom spoke on his behalf)

- Received feedback surveys from inaugural offering of Lenten Small Groups. Feedback was consistently positive, though some had hoped for more bible study (had used program “Restore.”) Two people asking about becoming a small group leader.
- Next set of surveys will go to existing small group leaders. Want to make leaders aware of content available online, want to make it easy to become/continue on as a small group leader. Brad Weiss and Paul V. going to help going over surveys.
- Meeting with Stephen Friday 2:00 to discuss AV support for the various rooms where small groups are held. Fr. Andy said that if we need more screens, go ahead with the purchase. Question about wi-fi, would streaming content come through? If content downloaded to computer, should be no problem, but if streaming, might be spotty. If able to accomplish, maybe make AV capability known for when people make facilities requests.

### 9. Review of Standing Committee and Ministry Reports

- a. Youth Ministry – Shannon Turlik has the “good problem” of so many participants, that funds get eaten up quickly. Should non-parishioners perhaps pay to attend Lifeteen? No, because teens really like bringing their friends. Runs about \$300 per person to attend work camps.
- b. Adult Faith Formation – Kate Kleintank --- needs more core members for small groups and for marriage prep.
- c. K-5 Faith Formation – Susan Yost – asked for help with purchasing books for Vacation Bible School. Donors get their names on a tree leaf – fun and creative way to advertise/market/VBS.

## 10. Pastoral Council Business – Other Topics for Discussion

- Dave Lucero has seen ushers be more proactive about moving people to seats, not leave them standing.—thanks to whoever is encouraging that. Cathy Parrish asked whether people could be encouraged to move to middle of pews, to provide a more welcoming atmosphere. Fr. Andy noted that he does mention this to the congregation on occasion.
- Can Appreciation Night for volunteers be brought back? Hasn't been done since Covid. Is put on by parish staff, was always a big hit.
- Tom had heard that the Pastorate Picnic was cancelled for this year. Paul V., -- who has been involved with the picnic planning – offered that with the Fall Fest in October, don't want to deplete volunteers, so elected to skip picnic this year.
- Dunk tank for Fall Fest? Also, per discussion below from Sara Thomas, might consider a “Christmas Priority Pew and Parking” as a Silent Auction item.
- Councilor Selection Process (Kathy Kraft). **Discerning/selecting new council members on May 5<sup>th</sup>**. Will receive applications soon. At meeting, will select top 4, then perhaps rank remaining, in the event that Fr. Andy wants to add any others to the council. Purposely did not ask for photos, discern based on content of application.
- Pastoral Council Guidance Document: Michael Cain will lead. Goal is to have a first draft in early June.
- Sharon asked whether the Council has ever done an appreciation event for RSPS; will follow-up offline with Sara Thomas. HSA does do a coffee truck event on occasion. And, have had “classroom supplies” event for teachers ahead of start of school.
- **June 27 Council Retreat** (both Councils) 8 to 1:30. Tom has booked Kristen Fisher of Enkindle Catholic Ministries. Encourages parents to become involved in religious in, as the family \*is\* the domestic church. Food lead? Did not discuss.
- Annual Ordination Gifts coming up. Cathy Parrish handled in past. Ordinations usually in May/June. Maybe assign to incoming new council member?

**11. School Update** (Sara Thomas) Mentioned how school gala is used for fundraising; bid on things like “Principal for the Day” and “Priority Pews” for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduations– \*big\* money raisers. And, they bid on-line. Led to suggestion about priority pews/parking for Christmas as a Fall Fest Silent Auction item.

## 12. Actions Needed Resulting from This Meeting:

- a. Fr. Andy to thank ushers for moving people to the center of the pew.
- b. Carolyn to follow-up with Sara about silent auction ideas.

- c. Sara/Sharon to exchange ideas about RSPS staff appreciation activities.
- d. Kathy Kraft and Fr. Andy to reach out to James about more parking lot lighting—especially just outside hall (facing Chatham Rd) (the sidewalk with curb/step to parking lot) and in the middle of the parking lot.

### **13. Next Pastoral Council Meeting**

May 19th @ 6:15pm – St. Paul’s Center for the New Evangelization. Will have “St. Paul + 60” (7:30pm to 8:45pm) CNE Room 207.... voluntary – continue discussion on key issues.

### **14. Closing Prayer & Blessing – by Fr. Andy**

### **15. Adjournment 9:05 pm**

### **Parking Lot for Future Discussion / Specific Action & Owner**

1. Possible Joint Initiatives with St. Paul’s