Church of the Resurrection
Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday October 27, 2026
7:45pm to 9:00pm
Church of the Resurrection, MP1

P = Present E = Excused

Pastoral Council (voting members)

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

Clergy | Standing & PC Committee Leads

Clergy	
Fr. Andy Aaron (P)	Pastor
Fr. Paul Kongnyuy (-)	Associate Pastor
Fr. Connor Schmidt (P)	Associate Pastor
Standing Committees & Ministries	
Liturgy	Roy Harris
Fellowship	Mary Reif
Social Justice	John Wilkin
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	Max Fiallos
Young Adults	Joseph Welsko

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Establish Quorum – meeting called to order by Tom Lauer
2. Opening Prayer / Reflection - Luke Thomas led us in our prayer / reflection by singing two verses from “The Summons”. Luke reflected on a couple of verses: “if I but call your name” and “never be the same. Luke encouraged us to stay open to how God calls us in our daily lives and to recognize that service transforms us to be more like Christ. Our primary identity is as children of God created for receiving and giving love.
3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – posted to Resurrection Website
4. Vice President’s Comments – Michael Cain talked about improving our meeting time together by working to briefly and efficiently share our thoughts and ideas, while allowing others to be heard as well. Our hope is to find more focus time to our core initiatives and hope to provide the committee leads with good ideas / thoughts / suggestions from all of the councilors.
5. Pastor’s Report / Update – Fr. Andy updated us on maintenance items with the school and discussed possible funding solutions for those projects. Some good suggestions for school needs included using the extraordinary repair fund, launching a campaign for this specific purpose, and reaching out to alumni asking for support. Fr. Andy provided an update on San Bartolo and the difficulties recently experienced in transferring funds to this parish. Despite efforts to resolve these issues, including outreach through the Archdiocese of San Salvador, a satisfactory path forward has not yet been identified. The Council suggested that the Social Justice Committee, under Gina MacLean’s leadership, should work to find a solution for this funding issue or seek other parish or project partnerships in El Salvador should these challenges remain unresolved. The Council felt that Social Justice should be included in the process and expressed concern that funds that have been received and earmarked for San Bartolo should be honored. And of course, any changes will be communicated to the parish. Finally, Fr. Andy informed us that Mary Scavilla is the new Church Lay Corporater replacing Peggy Gessler.

6. Councilor At Mass Update (CAM) – report provide to councilors
7. Review of Standing Committee & Ministry Reports
    a. Youth Ministry, K-5 Faith Formation, Adult Faith Formation
        i. reports provided to councilors
    b. Small Groups Update – Luke Thomas
        i. The group has established three goals, 1) strengthen faith formation & discipleship, 2) grow participation & belonging and 3) build a sustainable small group ministry. The group also intends to strengthen its connections with the ACTS Community, Resurrection & St. Paul's Pastoral Councils. The group has already begun to prepare Advent and Lent Content for the small groups.
8. Review of Pastoral Council Priority Committees (810)
    a. Welcome – Sharon Lanza
        i. Another successful "Meet & Greet" was held on October11th, with 20 new parishioners. The event was supported by Fr. Andy, and a good number of Welcome Committee and Council Members.
        ii. Committed has purchased a limited number of decal bumper stickers and is using both the decal and magnetic bumper stickers to raise money for Welcome Committee projects. A smaller circular sticker is in the works which will most likely be popular with young adults to attach to their laptops.
        iii. Next Meet & Greet is January 17th, 2027
    b. Engagement – Sandi Bieganski
        i. Ministry Fair held on Saturday Oct. 24th and Sunday Oct. 25th. Over 20 ministries were represented. The feedback on the event was very positive and every ministry gained new volunteers. The Engagement Team is already looking at dates for next year's Ministry Fair.

ii. Adoration Time for the Middle School Kids and parents are invited to join. It is a new idea but already some parents have joined the kids in adoration. This adoration time has praise and worship songs and guided prayer.

iii. Dept. of Aging and Independence seminar. This will target much of our aging population and address the issue of “aging in place”. Two sessions have been set with the Howard County Dept of Aging and Independence. They will be held on March 18 and April 22nd of 2027. These two events will be limited to parishioners, but we are looking at an open opportunity by hosting their annual conference and inviting in our local community.

iv. Tinker Group – exploring the idea of a group of parishioners who are handy with fixing things to be part of a ministry that works to support the parish in needed maintenance and upkeep work around the parish, could include gardening needs.

v. During next committee meeting will discuss changing committee name from engagement to encounter

c. Young Adults – Jospeh Welsko

i. What is happening?

1. Holy and Happy Hours planned for 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Continue book club, Bible Study is growing, expand Instagram presence and outreach.

ii. What’s Next?

1. Joseph and Shannon working on plan for Seek 27 Conference
2. 1:1 Outreach to invite new members

3. Schedule committee meeting and field ideas for best ways to engage the council, grow the ministry and more permanently establish the Young Adult Ministry at Resurrection

iii. Other Item

1. Council donated towards the Youth Bingo Fundraiser. The personal money raised during our meeting was given to Joseph and Shannon for basket giveaways during the fundraiser.

d. Outreach – Max Fiallos

i. Considering rebranding committee name as the term Outreach is used by Social Justice

ii. Meeting held with Archdioceses of Baltimore (office of Parish Renewal) to look at high level demographic data for Ellicott City and to better understand how the archdioceses can support the core priorities of the council. The demographics did not present us with a clear direction for an outreach strategy that goes outside the parish. That is, while there is a large API population, they are being well served by Holy Martyr Church, and the Latino population is primarily in the Columbia area and being served by St. John's.

iii. Our internal data from the Annual Consolidated Report along with mass attendance numbers seems to indicate that there is opportunity for community outreach to those who have stopped attending mass at Resurrection. There is a big gap between our registered parishioners and those that attend mass.

iv. On another note, our leader, Max Fiallos will be relocating to Idaho at the end of the school year. Tom Lauer will step in as interim committee lead. Also, we want to include Dcn. Chris Patrick in our discussions given his experience with a similar project while at St. Jospeh's in Eldersburg

v. We have identified our next actions: 1) new interim leader assigned, 2) work with Resurrection Office Staff to see what further data might be available, 3) look at signage issues for the parish, 4) continue to work with Becki Kamans at AOB to get direction on how to progress with this “inside the tent” strategy for outreach.

vi. Community Mailer – reach out to the community via a mass mailer. Res Staff is currently considering the same approach, so we need to determine who to collaborate with at the office and then meet with thoughts and ideas on how to bring this to action.

9. Pastoral Council Business – Other Topics for Discussion (845)

a. Fall Festival ($$$, Frequency?)

i. Early signs that Fall Festival made some good money. Money will be divided between school, St. Paul’s and Resurrection. The question was asked to the council on how frequently the festival should be held - yearly or every other year - and how would that decision impact the parish picnic? The council was unanimous about wanting to have a yearly festival and felt the picnic should be held annually, but earlier in the year. We will update the Fall Festival Committee and St. Paul’s Pastoral Council on the councils’ thoughts.

b. Adoration Chapel – PC Commit to 1 Hr. / Week

i. Asking Council Members to consider committing 1 hour of adoration time per week or 1 hour every 2 weeks or even 1 hour per month.

c. Chris Hannan – Pres. Finance Council, Extra Mtg.

i. Tom to arrange an additional ad hoc zoom meeting for Chris Hannan to provide the council with an update on the Financial State of the Parish.

d. Committee Assignments – encourage everyone to get involved in the councils committee work. This is where work happens and this is how we can best impact our

parish in a meaningful way. We are one-third of the way through the pastoral year, it moves fast, so please jump in, get involved and make a difference.

e. Other Topics suggested by Fr. Andy, Fr. Connor or Councilors

10. School Update (855) – Sara had nothing to report.
11. Actions Resulting from This Meeting (856)
    a. Committee Leads – get your next meeting scheduled
    b. All Council Members – attend the committee meetings you are assigned to, and if not able to make the meeting, then find out how to help
    c. All Council Members – consider a weekly or monthly commitment to one hour of adoration.
    d. Tom – schedule ad hoc meeting with presentation from Chris Hannan (Pres, Finance Council)
    e. Tom – touch base John Peery, Pres of St. Paul Council on Festival / Picnic.
12. Last 5 – What Did We Miss? /// Who Did Not Get Heard? (857)
13. Next Meeting / November 17th @ 615pm – St. Paul's CNE
14. Final Prayer & Blessing & Adjournment – Fr. Connor (915)