

Church of the Resurrection Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday October 21, 2025
7:45pm to 9:00pm
Church of the Resurrection, MP1

P = Present E = Excused

Pastoral Council (voting members)

<u>Member</u>	<u>Status</u>
Kevin Bellamy	P
Michael Cain	P
Pat Cirasole	P
Kathy Craft (CS)	P
Sharon Lanza	P
Tom Lauer (P)	P
Cathy Parrish	P
Paul Reif	P
Carolyn Sherman (RS)	P
Paul Venginickal	E
Brad Weiss (VP)	P
Julie Winpisinger	E
<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Status</u>
Fr. Andy Aaron (Pastor)	P
Fr. Paul Kongnyuy (Associate Pastor)	E
Fr. Kevin Farmer (Associate 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
<u>Pastoral Council</u> <u>Priority Committees</u>	All Months
Welcome, Hospitality, New Families, Young People	Sharon Lanza (Lead) , Pat Cirasole, Carolyn Sherman
Engage & Connect Parishioners	Brad Weiss (Lead) , Paul Venginickel, Mike Cain, Cathy Parrish,
Small Church Community	Kathy Kraft (Lead) , Pat Cirasole, Kevin Bellamy, Tom Lauer
School Liaison	Sara Thomas (non-voting)

1. **Call to Order:** 7:43 pm
2. **Roll Call / Establish Quorum** (Recording Secretary) Quorum was established.
3. **Opening Prayer & Short Reflection** Cathy Parrish provided this month's reflection.
4. **September 16, 2025 - Minutes** were approved electronically and posted to CoR Website.
5. **President Comments** – CAM Duties: Thanks to all who have signed up! Issue with location of CAM clipboards/Tom will follow up. Time - On Topic & Efficient: Tom noted that some topics need breathing space, and as such we might not get to all topics. Finally, Tom noted that the three newly formed PC Committees should be active outside of Council meetings.

6. Pastor Report / Update

- a. Adoration Chapel Discuss – Fr. Andy arranged for former and current members of Lifeteen to make presentations to the Council on the importance of having a Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Presenting were: Alison Hegart (Associate Youth Minister at Resurrection), Liam Andrzejewski, Charlotte Melka, and Colgan Hauf. All presenters stressed the importance of being able to be in Jesus' presence in adoration. Several of the youth noted they that they regularly participate in adoration at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLHP) and it brings them comfort and a sense of belonging. Tom thanked the speakers for sharing their time and their witness with the Council.

Upon dismissal of the student speakers, the floor was open for comment. Council members themselves were very much in favor of a dedicated Adoration Chapel; member's informal interactions with parishioners suggested the same sentiment. The only question was that of location. While the lobby in the Pastoral Center is a possibility – Fr. Andy had drafted up plans of how to use approximately half of the lobby for the adoration chapel – a Council member noted that a big part of the Vision 20/20 renovation was to provide a gathering space for parishioners. Using a good portion of the "gathering space" in the Pastoral Center seems to go counter to that vision.

Another suggestion was to carve out a space in the chapel itself. Cons to this idea, however, included having to work around the busy chapel schedule and having to notify parishioners constantly as to adoration availability.

A third suggestion was to use the Lending Library space in the ground floor lobby at the main entrance to the church. Fr. Andy was pleased to hear this suggestion and will explore this. Things to keep in mind when considering this space: being able to safely enable 24/7 access for participants; maintaining fire code requirements; making restrooms available; preventing access to the school.

Fr. Andy reiterated that in his previous experience with adoration chapels, apps are available to allow access only to people who have signed up for adoration (preventing unauthorized persons from wandering in). When the time comes, Fr. Andy will likely form an Adoration Committee to help with running access software and working out the adoration process.

- b. Update on Safety & Security – Fr. Andy reported that Howard County Police was scheduled to provide safety training (e.g., when to shelter in place) to staff members, catechists, and volunteers on October 23rd. There is still concern over general safety at mass and during large campus events. Fr. Andy said that at a recent large teen event, a Howard County police car and officer were present. Further discussion:
- To clarify the entry points for mass: the Hall doors (near the old steps) are locked for mass; parishioners are directed to the main entrance and/or the link doors.
 - During mass, nobody is “watching” the lobby. A suggestion was made to perhaps have people (perhaps greeters?) “milling around” to give the impression of semi-policing the space. A Council member noted that during Covid, doors were simply locked about 10 minutes into mass — volunteers to man the entry points simply were not available.
 - Apps are available that can make people quickly aware of security situations; the school, for example, uses such an app.
 - Fr. Andy will likely form a committee to make further decisions on security; would include a Howard County police representative, possibly the HoCo police-parishioner seen at mass. Other names mentioned to potentially be on this future committee: Stephen Lay, Martin Fienkeng, Kathy Kraft, Brad Weiss, Cathy Parrish, Paul Venginickal and Greg Jolissaint.
 - Fr. Andy and James Dale would like to be notified of any issues or comments related to safety and security.

7. Councilor at Mass (CAM) (Corresponding Secretary) Kathy Kraft re-iterated that CAM should use the forms on the clipboards (located in cabinets at the Information Desk) to record and submit CAM issues to Kathy. She noted that Facilities Manager James Dale would like to be aware of issues; Kathy will keep him informed. Kathy shared her spreadsheet of CAM issues prior to the Council meeting. Of note:

* Security at mass concerns: On-going.

* Objection to locking gym entrance; handed over to James Dale, Rick Murray, and Fr Andy. Fr. Andy would like to receive emails from those concerned. On-going.

* Can Magnificats be made available at church (rather than just at the Pastoral Center): Peggy Gahagan says that with hundreds of Magnificats, too logistically difficult to ferry between church and Pastoral Center. Peggy will happily work with individuals who can't get to the Pastoral Center during business hours. Just email danandpeggy@verizon.net . Closed.

* Broken handicapped door button at Link entrance; fixed. Closed.

* Suggestion of 50/50 raffle at masses every week: logistically difficult requiring volunteers to plan and execute. Closed.

* Mass card prices? \$10 donation. Will be marked on box. Closed.

* Placing of blue "guest/forgotten" envelopes at Information Desk and/or on table at doors to church? Kathy will follow up with Roy Harris/Liturgy. Closed.

8. Review of Standing Committee and Ministry Reports

- Recycling: Sara Thomas reported that the plan is to place two large bins per event. Need to be aware of proper disposal in bins, so as not to contaminate. Colleen Guler will contact lead of the particular event; event lead will be responsible for emptying bins. Composting: maybe eventually.
- Liturgy shared minutes from last meeting. Of note: EMHCs and sacristans still needed at 4:30 mass.
- Reporting Schedule Changed – See 1st page

9. Review of Pastoral Council Priority Committees 823pm

- Welcome, Hospitality, New Families, Young People (Sharon Lanza) – Shared notes from October 17th meeting. What has been learned: Welcome letters are sent from Jamie Price and Father Andy. Dee Wilkie makes phone calls and also tries to call them on their birthdays. Marge Mazzone and Carol Bradley (Greeting Card Ministry) send handmade cards to new parishioners as well as the homebound, those on sick list, etc. New things to consider: 1) Host meet and greet for group of new parishioners possibly after the 11:30 mass; have some (but not overwhelming) committee representation, and especially good to have both men and women representatives. 2) Meet one-on-one after a mass to introduce/welcome and present a small gift. 3) Hand out folder with participation opportunities – make sure to say a few words about each opportunity, what to expect. 4) Make opportunities for international children/families to meet. Sharon asked: for budgeting purposes, do we fall under any standing committees? Fr. Andy said that these are special PC committees; they should coordinate with standing committees, but as far as funding our activities, Fr. Andy says monies will be located, not to worry.

- Engage & Connection Parishioners (Brad Weiss) Ministry Fair is still in the planning stages.
- Small Church Community (Kathy Kraft) Group is brainstorming on how to sustain a group beyond a several-week program. Perhaps create a playbook to recruit and train leaders to lead a small group, to go beyond short term. Make groups aware of resources available to them, programs that groups can use. Need to be aggressive in making groups aware of things available to them – in order to keep the group going! That said, it's not the program – but, rather, the relationship with each other and relationship with Jesus that is important. A Council member noted that for the recent push for small groups, the only reason she hadn't signed up was that she didn't know what the program entailed, for example: Unbound Ministry, Serenity group – what are those groups about? Just a line or two about the groups would be helpful.

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

- a. Ordination Gifting (Cathy Parrish) – The gifting process: our priests (now 3) and deacons (3), are presented an ordination gift from a Council member, at mass, (gifts cards, \$100 to priest, \$50 to deacons) on anniversary of ordination (or as close as possible to ordination date). This usually happens in May/June/July. A Council member noted that Fr. Gene Nickol has been filling in a lot recently, should keep him in mind for gift. Many thanks to Cathy for her second year of heading this up!
- b. Young Adults (20 to 30's)
 - i. OLPH has a great program with Nick Higgins, which includes phenomenal Praise and Worship music. Stephen will put it in the bulletin. Caroline Resetar (Young Adult Program) said there were recently 50 participants at a retreat! Fr. Andy noted it was good to have a program with a good number of participants – rather than hosting an event to which maybe only a handful show up – more comfort in numbers! There is also thought to hosting a homecoming event for college students.
- c. TV Monitor and Sound in the Gathering Space – Working
- d. Youth Bingo Basket for November 7th bingo– thanks to Carolyn and Cathy for coordinating Ice Cream Sundae Basket from the Pastoral Council
- e. Pastoral Council Retreat – Saturday / Thoughts? (didn't get to this)
- f. Other Items: Julie Winpisinger has had to resign from the Council due to health issues; we thank Julie for her years of service on the Council and wish her the very best. Fr. Andy will consider whether a replacement should be named.

11. **School Update** (Sara Thomas) Had no specific updates but is always looking for opportunities to work together.

12. **Health Ministry (Cathy Parrish)** Need a second first aid kit in the chapel. Need a second stethoscope – hopefully someone can donate. On-going issue with ushers being able to identify medical professionals at mass. Perhaps self ID to head usher at beginning of mass? And/or acquire/wear badges with red cross. Perhaps also have a sign-in sheet, as is done with sacristans. No medical professionals have been identified at the 7:30 am mass; Cathy received permission from Fr. Andy to include this “ask” in with the spoken mass announcements.

13. **Actions Needed Resulting from This Meeting:**

- a. Reach out to Colleen Guler /recycling - Tom
- b. Firmly identify CAM clipboard location -- Tom
- c. Form informal safety committee – Fr. Andy
- d. Find out about locking lobby and elevator for potential Adoration Chapel at lending library– Fr. Andy will check with James Dale.
- e. Follow up with Roy Harris RE blue guest/forgotten envelopes -- Kathy
- f. Kevin Bellamy has prayer reflection for the November meeting.

14. **Closing Prayer & Blessing** – Fr. Kevin

15. **Adjournment** 9:09 PM

16. **Next Pastoral Council Meeting**

- a. Tuesday November 18th @ 6:15pm – at St. Paul’s Center for The New Evangelization (CNE)

Parking Lot for Future Discussion / Specific Action & Owner

- 1. Update Constitution & By-Laws of Resurrection Pastoral Council
- 2. Security monitoring of Church Foyer & Hall during weekend masses
- 3. Possible Joint Initiatives with St. Paul’s Council (Adoration Chapel, Small Groups, New Parishioner Welcome Lunches, Young Adults)