

Church of the Resurrection Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday November 18, 2025
6:15pm to 7:30pm
St. Paul's – Center for the New Evangelization

P = Present E = Excused

Pastoral Council (voting members)

<u>Member</u>	<u>Status</u>
Kevin Bellamy	P
Michael Cain	P
Pat Cirasole	P
Kathy Kraft (CS)	P
Sharon Lanza	E
Tom Lauer (P)	P
Cathy Parrish	P
Paul Reif	E
Carolyn Sherman (RS)	P
Paul Venginickal	P
Brad Weiss (VP)	P
Open Position : Fr. Andy will appoint	
Sara Thomas: (non-voting) School Liaison	P
Fr. Andy Aaron (Pastor)	P
Fr. Paul Kongnyuy (Associate Pastor)	P
Fr. Kevin Farmer (Associate Pastor)	E

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) , Pat Cirasole, Carolyn Sherman
Engage & Connect Parishioners	Brad Weiss (Lead) , Paul Venginickel, Mike Cain, Cathy Parrish,
Small Church Community	Kevin Bellamy (Lead) , Pat Cirasole, Kathy Kraft Tom Lauer

Call to Order: 6:15pm

Roll Call / Establish Quorum (Recording Secretary) Quorum established.

Opening Prayer & Short Reflection – By Kevin Bellamy

October 21, 2025 - Minutes were approved electronically and posted to CoR Website.

President's Comments – Tom routed a thank-you card for Julie Winpisinger for her years of service on the Council. Tom noted that our meetings go by very quickly--please make sure your voice is heard—your opinions are valued!

Pastor Report / Update

- a. Adoration Chapel: Since the Lending Library space in the (downstairs) Lobby of the church is not an option, Fr. Andy came up with two other possible spaces at the Pastoral Center (emailed separately to the Council): 1) Carve out some space from the existing Pastoral Center: re-purpose storage area, currently used for Faith Formation for the chapel, and move those supplies to a newly created space in the hallway that runs from Amy's desk to Judy/Kellie's office. 2) Create a new exterior space along the back of the Pastoral Center (faces the woods). Discussion on option 1: no access from outside (pro), less expensive (pro), fair amount of upheaval (con). Option 2: more space (pro), need county permit (con), more expensive (con, but don't think it's prohibitive). Option 2 would have its own entrance; windows could be high up to prevent easy visual access.

Additional discussion: "Go big or go home." Parishioners seem generous with sponsoring things like pews, etc. Yes, we're still paying off Vision 20/20, but might be surprised by support for this project. Also, perhaps consider going with the indoor option, kind of as a trial balloon; if it "takes off," then possibly move ahead with the exterior/new space option.

b. Update on Safety & Security :

- Fr. Andy is working the details to have a police presence (parked car, off-duty officer, paid) at weekend masses and for major Lifeteen and Ignite events. Could see this in the not-too-distant future.
- Have people milling around in downstairs lobby ("watching the doors"). It was noted that HoCo police officer at St. Paul (the husband of St. Paul parishioner Nicole Cunningham) supports the idea of having people watching people enter. While the watchers may not know everyone coming in, it's still a deterrent. Still looking to acquire panic buttons; St. Paul does have panic buttons.

- Fr. Andy would like to have the Security Committee meet twice a year to review procedures; Paul V. was asked to be on the committee, and he accepted.

c. Update on ParishSOFT

The switch to ParishSOFT was not by choice: FaithDirect was absorbed into ParishSOFT. ParishSOFT was defaulting to weekly (vs. monthly) contributions, which caused some parishioners to have to pay for multiple EFTs. Have since learned – via calls to the ParishSOFT Help Desk, that contributions can be set up to monthly. While there is and has been information in the bulletin (which includes the Help Desk number), it was suggested it also be added as a CAM announcement (directing parishioners to look for the Help Desk number in the bulletin). Tom to get CAM item to Fr. Paul. Cathy P. will work with Stephen to see about putting step-by-step instructions in the bulletin and ResConnections.

Councilor at Mass (CAM) (Corresponding Secretary)

- Blue offertory envelopes – for visitors or anyone needing an envelope – no issues with putting them out, but who would be responsible for this? Kathy K. will talk with Roy/Liturgy. Carolyn will make up a container/sign for the blue offertory envelopes.
- Feedback on bringing back more fellowship opportunities such as Fish Fridays; Kathy K. will reach out to Gina Maclean to see if she might be interested in heading this up.
- Continued concern about appropriate dress of EMHC; Kathy K. will re-visit with Helen Gross.
- Kneelers for those standing at mass? A non-starter due to logistical issues (limits entry/exit, where would kneelers be stored, etc.)

Any issues still open or needing ownership – where to find new volunteers; how to develop leaders

Review of Standing Committee and Ministry Reports

- Liturgy (Roy Harris) – Little Blue Advent Books have been purchased and are available, one per family. The 4:30 mass seems to be settling in, ministry roles at that mass are being more consistently filled. Roy noted that he has lost two sacristans, always looking for more volunteers.

- Fellowship (Mary Reif) Lots of activities, such as offering cookies after upcoming concert, hosting a Thanksgiving reception, etc. Included in report that Dee Wilkie made 29 phone calls to new parishioners in September and 20 in October!
- Social Justice (John Wilkin) Cathy P. noted that about 40 people are showing up at SVdP on Saturday mornings for fresh produce.

Review of Pastoral Council Priority Committees

- a. Welcome, Hospitality, New Families, Young People (Sharon Lanza) -- Pat C. reported in Sharon's absence. Written report was provided to Council. Of note: plan to have Meet and Greet with new parishioners a few times a year; have some ministries represented, but this would not be a recruiting type of gathering; possibly would also have Home School Association rep in attendance. The Meet and Greet will likely be after 11:30 mass, light fare would be served. Parishioner Maria Zhang volunteered to do a spreadsheet of new parishioners, plans to track initial phone call, initial meet (with gift), Meet and Greet attendance, follow-up phone call after a few months. Carolyn displayed two welcome mugs: one with the Justice, Peace, Love logo, one with the Resurrected Jesus logo. Majority were in favor of Resurrected Jesus logo. Carolyn will place order for mugs when instructed. Will add parish organization/volunteer opportunities to welcome gift bag, in addition to mug.
- b. Engage & Connection Parishioners (Brad Weiss). Still struggling for date for ministry fair due to so many activities already on the Parish Calendar. Maybe go back to the idea of having a more piecemeal Ministry Fair, where 2 or 3 ministries would have tables set up for weekend masses. Since Hall and GS already booked, Tom suggested using the downstairs Lobby in the church for ministry tables. And/or could highlight those ministries in CAM announcements. Brad may ask for "elevator speeches" from ministry heads.
- c. Small Church Community (Kevin Bellamy). Thinking about a playbook for leaders, which would offer resources available to small groups. Fr. Andy noted that a small group training session was held earlier in the year, which was based on successes seen by Timonium's Church of the Nativity. Once a small group starts, the key is how to keep it going; want the group to ask: what do we do next? There is a clickable icon on the parish website homepage

to view available small groups. Kathy K. suggested there also be a clickable small group Leader page, when looking for additional content for their small group.

Pastoral Council Business – Other Topics for Discussion

- Health Ministry Update - Cathy P. reported that badges are in! They have a red cross on them, so that medical professionals can be easily identified. Cathy asked and Brad offered to create a sign-in for medical professionals, to be kept at the Youth Sacristan desk. A First Aid kit is now available at the Pastoral Center—thanks to Sharon for donating a stethoscope. Additional training will be provided for staff and sacristans. Cathy will receive any incident reports (to help keep tabs on supplies used, etc.)
- Pastoral Council Retreat – On a Saturday? (didn't get to)

Actions Needed Resulting from This Meeting:

1. Cathy will work with Stephen to see about getting step-by-step ParishSOFT instructions in the bulletin and ResConnections.
2. Tom to get CAM item about ParishSOFT to Fr. Paul for announcements.
3. Kathy K. will talk with Roy about who will put out blue offertory envelopes.
4. Carolyn will make up a container/sign for the blue offertory envelopes.
5. Kathy K. will reach out to Gina Maclean to see if she might be interested in heading up Fish Fridays.
6. Kathy K. to reach out to Helen Gross about EMHC dress.
7. Brad to create a weekend mass sign-in for medical professionals; will be kept at Youth Sacristan desk.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment: Fr. Paul offered at closing prayer; meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting

- December 9th @ 6:15pm – Resurrection MP1 & MP2 (**Joint PC Meeting with St. Paul's PC**). Food Event - will ask for all to contribute, to include some Christmas Cookies

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)