

Church of the Resurrection
Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday September 22, 2026
6:15pm to 7:30pm
St. Paul, Dohony Hall

P = Present E = Excused

Pastoral Council (voting members)

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

Clergy and Standing Committee and Ministries

<u>Clergy</u>	
Fr. Andy Aaron (P)	Pastor
Fr. Connor Schmidt (P)	Associate Pastor
Fr. Paul Kongnyuy	
<u>Standing Committees & Ministries</u>	
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
<u>Top PC Priorities Committees</u>	
Welcome	Sharon Lanza
Engage	Sandi Bieganski
Outreach	Max Fiallos
Young Adults	Joseph Welsko

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Quorum Established
2. Opening Prayer / Reflection – Tom led us in a prayer and reflection on Jesus sending out the apostles to do God’s work and emphasized the importance of inviting the Lord into our Council’s work, asking members to make room for God to act rather than relying solely on their own resources.
3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – June 2026 Minutes posted to PC Webpage
4. President’s Comments – Thanks for saying yes to serving your church community. Welcome to Sandi, who is now a voting member of the Council. Father Andy has appointed her to a one-year term. Last year, with leadership from Fr. Andy and guidance from the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the Council shifted from maintenance to mission. We adopted Archbishop Lori’s core mission priorities of welcome, encounter, accompaniment and sending, along with liturgy and mission support. As we do the work of the Council, I want to encourage you to seek God’s guidance, do the work, serve as CAMs, participate in parish life, listen to parishioners, and attend your specific committee meetings. Committees do much of our essential work by developing ideas to serve the parish.
5. Pastor’s Report / Update - Father Andy provided an update on the upcoming adoration program starting October 12, which will operate 122 hours per week in the chapel. He explained safety measures including electronic doors, cameras and extra lighting as well as plans to install a new tabernacle cabinet in the chapel. Adorers may access the Pastoral Center Lobby after hours using a private keypad code. Online registration through “Adoration Pro” will open after all Masses at Resurrection on October 3 & 4. Fr. Andy briefly updated on the financial situation reporting that the parish ended June with over \$100,000 in the black, marking it as their strongest month of the year.
6. Councilor At Mass Update (CAM) - Kathy reported strong CAM coverage and emphasized the importance of the information shared. Most issues were resolved, but a parking lot hole caused a minor injury treated by medical volunteers. James Dale has not yet responded to a repair request. Brad proposed forming an unpaid volunteer “Tinker Group” to handle minor parish repairs. It was agreed to present this idea to Father Andy and the Engagement Committee for

approval before moving forward. The process for handling announcements was discussed noting that new team members have been trained and the pace of the announcements is increasing. Announcements are based on events from the current weekend through the next weekend. Kathy suggested that assigned CAMs review messages beforehand and deliver them smoothly and naturally.

7. Review of Pastoral Council Priority Committees

a. Welcome – Pat Cirasole for Sharon Lanza

The October 11th Meet and Greet for new parishioners was rescheduled from the hall to MP1 and MP2 due to a finance presentation by Father Andy. Tom reported that 6-7 families have confirmed attendance with all Council members invited. A list of 24 new parishioners who need to be contacted was presented.

The group discussed Initiatives to engage young families in Mass, including potential children's liturgy programs and gospel craft activities, which would be presented to the liturgy committee.

The group also discussed improving signage, particularly moving the electric sign closer to the driveway and adding multilingual announcements, although this would require consulting with Martin about technical requirements.

b. Engagement – Sandi Bieganski

The Ministry Fair is October 24–25, led by Brad Weiss and Cathy Parrish, with Ranger Rosary and Meals that Heal confirmed to date. The team also discussed adoration for younger families, volunteer rights and support, and assistance for families caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's or dementia.

Other ideas included a shared Howard County Fair booth with Catholic parishes, restarting the Instant Christmas Choir, programs for women after divorce and people with Alzheimer's, and Ministry Fair sales of 500 magnets and 100 new bumper stickers.

The next Engagement meeting is October 15, just before the fair.

c. Young Adults – Joseph Welsko

Joseph reported that the young adult ministry group has grown to around 60 people with consistent attendance at events including the first book club meeting. The group is reevaluating their participation in the SEEK conference due to UMBC not sending a

group this year, with discussions ongoing about potentially working with Towson or UMD instead. The team discussed plans to reach unconnected young adults by hosting events beyond adoration, including more casual gatherings like burgers and prayer and they are forming an advisory group of young adults to better understand what events they would like to attend.

Also discussed were plans for social media outreach to connect with young adults through platforms like Instagram and Tik Tok to bring them back into the church community. The team is working with Luca de Chico from the St. Paul Pastoral Council to form a cross-pastorate group of young adults who can provide advisory input on outreach initiatives. They are also considering service opportunities like gift wrapping during Christmas and volunteering with organizations like Urban Hunger Project while discussing potential names for their outreach program including “re-engage” and “return.”

d. Outreach – Max Fiallos

The group plans to use demographic data to guide their outreach efforts rather than focusing solely on Latino communities, Tom is leading the efforts to gather survey data and access archdiocesan demographic information.

Also discussed were strategies to engage underrepresented groups in the parish to include cultural events like making tamales for Christmas and celebrating the Virgin of Guadalupe.

8. Review of Standing Committee and Ministry Reports

a. Fellowship, Liturgy, Social Justice (reports forwarded ahead of time.)

- i. Fellowship – September Coffee and Donuts (300 plus parishioners). Also involved in supporting bereavement luncheons, Pentecost Potluck, Eucharistic Procession, Fall festival and more.
- ii. Social Justice – The Season of Creation promotes care for the planet. The committee will offer a prayer service tonight, support recycling at the Fall Festival, and again lead the Adopt-a-Family and winter items collections, along with other projects detailed in its report. John Wilken has stepped down as lead; Biji James

will serve temporarily beginning in October while a permanent replacement is sought.

iii. Liturgy – Although activity slows in summer, the committee continued its work. Fr. Connor and Helen Gross trained 13 new altar servers. All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must attend training on new Archdiocese of Baltimore Office of Divine Worship guidelines. Upcoming fall and winter events:

- a) Fall retreat with Michael Stromberg — Saturday, October 24, 8:30 a.m.–noon, at Resurrection.
- b) Advent evening prayer with Kristin Fisher of Enkindle Catholic — Sunday, November 29, after the 4:30 p.m. Mass at Resurrection.
- c) Gospel of Mark talk with Fr. Jude Winkler, OFM Conv. — Wednesday, December 9, 7:30–8:00 p.m., in the main church at St. Paul.

b. Small Groups Update – Luke Thomas

i No update during this council meeting

9. Pastoral Council Business – Other Topics for Discussion

- a. Budget for Pastoral Council – \$5,800 approved. More than \$1,000 is allocated to Welcome for mugs and bumper stickers, with most event food donated; Engagement has \$1,000 for the Ministry Fair and smaller events. The budget also covers annual clergy gifts, a parish retreat, and conference attendance for two or three people. Funds may be reallocated to Outreach, Young Adults, or other mission priorities; the \$5,800 total matters more than its initial distribution.
- b. Fall Festival - Council members were asked to please volunteer—everyone's help is needed. Projects like this succeed when parishioners actively participate.

10. School Update – Sara Thomas

Nothing to report at this time.

11. Actions Resulting from This Meeting:

- Check with Martin Feinking about the location of the sign - (Brad Weiss)
- Possible Kids Liturgy - (Welcome Committee to coordinate with Liturgy and Fr. Andy about possible next step.)
- Adoration Hours – Tom to see if Pastoral Council as a team could commit to an hour
- Small Group Leaders (Nick and Lauren) invited to Ministry Fair; Kathy Kraft to send contact information to Brad and Cathy.
- Set up meeting with Archdiocese Office of Parish Renewal - (Tom)
- Potential for Young Adults to attend SEEK - (Joseph)

12. Next Meeting / October 27th at 7:45pm – Church of the Resurrection, MP1

13. Final Prayer and Blessing by Fr. Connor: 7:35 pm