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Grant them the joy experienced on their Ordination Day all the days of their lives and look kindly upon them as they strive to do Your will. Bless them abundantly, care for them tenderly and above all, let them feel the love and appreciation we have for them. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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1996 – 2001 Fr. Patrick Kennedy
2001 – Present Fr. Joseph Whalen

Parochial Vicars: (Associates)

1965 – 1967 Fr. Timothy Kernan
1967 – 1973 Fr. Gerald Frier
1969 – 1969 Rufus North
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EXTRACTS FROM THE WRITINGS
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“What is the priest?
A man who holds
the place of God, a
man clothed with all the
powers of God. *Go, our Lord*
said to the priest, *As my Father*
hath sent me, I also send you.
“At the consecration the priest
does not say, ‘This is the Body
of our Lord.’ He says, ‘*This is*
my Body.’

“At sight of a spire you
may say, ‘What is
there? The Body of
our Lord -- Why is it there?
Because a priest has been
there and has said holy Mass.
The priest is everything, after
God!...

When men want to destroy
religion they begin by
attacking the priest, because
where the priest is no more,
there is no more sacrifice [of
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