✠ A Message from the Pastor ✠

In Lieu of Flowers
please send donations to … Our Holy Redeemer!

Time and time again when reading the published obituaries of parishioners from Our Holy Redeemer (over seventy-five of them between October 2012 and October 2013), I come across the words: "In lieu of flowers, please send donations to …" What often follows those words are words just as varied as the obituaries themselves, or rather, words just as varied as the lives of the people about whom the obituaries were written.

The deceased person suffered from cancer and so, *in lieu of flowers please send donations to the American Cancer Society*. The deceased person was a member of the United States Armed Forces and so, *in lieu of flowers please send donations to "the Wounded Warrior Project"*. The deceased person suffered from an addiction to alcohol and so, *in lieu of flowers please send donations to "Alcoholics Anonymous"*. The deceased person …

In recent times, I have been struck and quite humbled by the *following* words " … *please send donations to Our Holy Redeemer*". And why have those words followed "in lieu of flowers"? The reasons are just as varied as the people in whose memory the donations are sent: my mother fed the hungry at Parish Human Services, my brother taught the children in Parish Religious Education, my father served as an Usher at Mass, my aunt received all of her Sacraments at Our Holy Redeemer, my dad went to Our Holy Redeemer School, my husband loved going to Mass at Our Holy Redeemer, my …

To all of you who have sent donations to Our Holy Redeemer "in lieu of flowers" in memory of y*our* beloved deceased: "In lieu of flowers let us pray: *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. And may their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Faith and Social Ministry

Our Holy Redeemer

THRIFT SHOP
In Memory of Janene Suchan

23 West Merrick Road, Freeport, NY

Shopping Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Closed every Wednesday

Donations Accepted:
Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
and by appointment: **(516) 623 – 3247**

Volunteers Accepted All the Time!

Will be Closed Wednesday, 20 November through Monday, 2 December. We will re-open Tuesday, 3 December.

(We will continue to accept donations while closed)