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My dear friends,


We would like to introduce to you a new and exciting way of helping, to fund some of the Lords work here at Our Lady of Mercy. It is called The Super Bonanza. We have introduced this exciting fund raiser to several parishes in the diocese and it has been quite successful in helping to raise the needed funds to do the Lord's work in this part of his vineyard. The Super Bonanza runs for an entire year, and for the price of \$25. you have the opportunity to win many times; after your ticket is pulled it goes back into the drum waiting to be pulled again. The new Super Bonanza will begin on January 1<sup>st</sup> in plenty of time for Christmas giving or birthdays, confirmations, anniversaries, Groundhog Day, National Pickle Month or any other occasion where a gift that shows you care is appropriate (sounds like Hallmark). Enclosed you will find two super Bonanza tickets to be presented to the lucky recipient or kept for yourself and two registration cards to be returned to us with your gift to the parish.


This is the list of prizes:

**\$25 a day every day all year long, *except*:**  
**The last day of each month: \$100**  
***and the following special dates:***  
**New Year's Day (January 1<sup>st</sup>): \$500**  
**Feast of Our Lady of Mercy (September 24th): \$800 (naturally)**  
**Independence Day (July 4<sup>th</sup>): \$500**  
**Thanksgiving Day (November 25<sup>th</sup>): \$500**  
**Christmas Day (December 25<sup>th</sup>): \$750**

That comes to 366 opportunities to win (2012 is a Leap Year!), and an infinite number of opportunities to help the parish do the Lord's work in this part of his vineyard, all for your donation of \$25 per ticket. And if you win once, your card goes back into the barrel and you may win again and again (*it has happened!*) and all for the same modest donation. Please return the white registration card and your offering in the reply envelope, keep the orange card or give it the person or persons your are gifting. Additional tickets will be available at the parish office and after Masses during the month of October, for those who want to present them as gifts. As we reflect on our response to the Lord's invitation to faithful stewardship or discipleship during the fall, this is another way for us to return back to the Lord something for all he has given to us and to make it possible for the parish to be the light of Christ in our community by your support of our ministries. To borrow a line from NYS Lottery: "You can't win it if you ain't in it....!" Good luck to all and thanks for your support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Rev. Thomas C. Costa  
Pastor

  
Rev. Martin Klein  
Moderator