



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of May 14, 2023

Monday, May 15, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Cioci, Helen Wiskierski & Mother, Julia Garber** by Janet
2-4:00 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
6-6:30 PM DM Confessions

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Stanley Kayesuski Jr. On His Birthday** by Wife, Susan

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Nellie Segal & Mary Wysocki** by Anna Marie
5:30 PM DM **Emmett, Mary, Bob & Jerry Oravitz** by Daughter/Sister,
Mary Ann

Ascension Thursday, May 18, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Krystyna Moran** by A Friend
7:00 PM DM **Living & Deceased Priests – Diocese of Allentown**
En Espanol

Friday, May 19, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Albert Sterner** by Wife & Son

Saturday, May 20, 2023

8:00 AM DM **Neil Reese** by Steve Slavinsky & Family

3:45 PM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
4:00 PM DM **Dorothy Wisniewski** by Dan, Diane & Family

Sunday, May 21, 2023

7:30 AM DM **Mary Venusti** by Michael & Helen Ferranti, John Venusti &
Stephen Zbyraski
9:40 AM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
10:00 AM DM **Tricia & Robert Monaghan** by Monaghan & Murray
Families
12:30 PM DM **Living & Deceased Priests – Diocese of Allentown**
En Espanol

“The clergy and religious of the Diocese of Allentown continue to stand ready to provide steadfast support and prayers during this difficult time,” said Bishop Schlert. “Just as St. Joseph protected the Holy Family, we turn to St. Joseph to protect us at this time of uncertainty and pandemic.” We invite all the faithful who are quarantined during this time and unable to receive Holy Communion, to offer their prayers for healing throughout the world. Pray the Holy Rosary, on www.EWTN.com/tv/shows/sunday-Mass-live. Pray this prayer for spiritual communion and set aside time for prayer with the Sacred Scriptures of the day – go to www.wordamongus.org.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

Prayer to Your Guardian Angel

Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
To whom God’s love
Commits me here,
Ever this day,
be at my side,
To light and guard,
Rule and guide.

Prayer for Our Country

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of America, please help our country. Help us to return to what is decent, right and proper. Help us to return to respect for ourselves and others, into truth in dealing with ourselves and others, to self-control and self-discipline and, especially, to a deep love for your Son and his teachings. Protect us from those who would destroy us from within. Our Lady, we place ourselves and our country under your mantle. Pray for us and help us. Amen.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

When: Every 1st Sunday of the month
Time: 3:00 PM
Where: St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish,
Mahanoy City

Divine Mercy Collection

Will be announced later!



St. Casimir Church will reopen on Sunday, June 18th for regular weekend Masses and Funerals.

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, May 18th for Ascension Thursday and Friday, May 19th. The Parish Office will reopen on Monday, May 22nd at 8:30 AM.

Divine Mercy Church Memorial Fund

Loving memory of Diane M. Kalyan

\$10 Husband, Ron & family

Joanne Jachimczyk

\$10 Maryann Szuler

Joseph Discavage

\$50 Tom Discavage & Rose

\$50 Irene Discavage

\$10 Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F.H.

Joseph Prohibition

\$20 Maria & Jo Marie Rittle

\$10 Bozylinski family

\$10 Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F. H.

Good health & God's blessings for

Edward & Fran Domkus on their wedding anniversary

\$20 Corinne & Joe Crea

Special intentions

\$5 Anonymous

Father Walter J. Ciszek Chapel Memorial Fund

Mother's Day Remembrance Tribute: Eva (Chesnavage) Racis & Peg (Dean) Bonner

\$75 Joan & Bobby Racis

Bertha (Racis) Zeltusky & Lois (Cooper) Racis ... special memories will last forever!!!

\$25 Joan & Bobby Racis

The Mass Book for 2023 is completely full. The Mass Book for 2024 will open in October of 2023. Please watch bulletin for announcements



Our office will be closed on Fri., May 26th and Mon., 29th for Memorial Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, May 30th at 8:30 AM.



To Rev. Charles Dene on celebrating his 65th anniversary in the priesthood on May 15th. May God bless him with good health and grant him many more years at our parish.

Divine Mercy

- Sanctuary In memory of my beloved parents & sister, Angelo & Enrica & Jean Romano by Ann Romano
- Divine Mercy In loving memory of Lucille & Donald by wife & mother
- Divine Mercy Prayers & good health for J.M., S.M., M.S., A.M., T.S. R.G., J.B., L.B., G.M., Z.S. by M/M John Maskornick
- Divine Mercy In memory of my father, William Norris on the anniversary of his death 5/5/59 by Daughter, Roseanne
- Divine Mercy God's blessings for Fr. Dene on his 65th anniversary by Pat & Leo
- Blessed Mother In memory of Albert Jr., Albert Sr., Anna, Joseph, George & Regina Discavage by Irene
- Blessed Mother In memory of Edward & Mary Ann Prybolsky for their heavenly birthdays this month and 20th anniversary of dad's death by Daughter, Terry & Son-in-Law, Mike Gilliam
- Blessed Mother Happy Mother's Day to all our Moms, Grandma's, Godmother's and of course, our Blessed Mother
- Blessed Mother Special intentions
- Blessed Mother In loving memory of our Mother, Lucy Maloney on Mother's Day we love you and miss you by Maloney family
- Blessed Mother Blessings for good health & Happy Mother's Day for Charlotte Kowalski by Daughter, Kathy
- Blessed Mother Happy Mother's Day in heaven to my Mom, Regina Straka by Paul Straka
- Blessed Mother Happy Mother's Day in heaven to Virginia "Ginny" Bell by Paul Straka
- Blessed Mother Happy Mother's Day in heaven to Dorothy Pronio by Paul Straka
- Blessed Mother Happy Mother's Day in heaven to Jean Twardzik by Paul Straka
- Blessed Mother Good health & God's blessings to Joni Wallace by Paul Straka
- Blessed Mother Good health & God's blessings to Janie Zaremba by Paul Straka
- Blessed Mother Happy Mother's Day to Cheryl Wesnoski by Paul Straka
- Blessed Mother Happy Mother's Day to Donna Dando by Paul Straka
- Blessed Mother Good health & God's blessings for Marguerite Oravitz Fell by Daughter, Cheryl Fell Tourish & family
- Blessed Mother In loving memory of Matilda "Tillie" Oravitz by Daughter, Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
- Blessed Mother Happy heavenly Mother's Day to my Mother, Rose Norris by Daughter, Roseanne
- Blessed Mother In loving memory of Cookie Meier on her birthday by sisters & brothers
- Blessed Mother In memory of Diane Kalyan by Roseanne Malinoski
- Blessed Mother Good health & God's blessings for Cheryl Fell Tourish by Sons, Finn & James
- Blessed Mother In memory of my Mother, Jean Jarzinko on Mother's Day by Daughter, Judy James
- Blessed Mother In loving memory of Ginny & Joseph Jurewicz by Rose Marie Jurewicz
- St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
- St. Joseph In memory of Connell & Karvois families by Marilyn Connell
- St. Joseph In loving memory of our dear "Pop" Buchinsky by family
- Sacred Heart In memory of Edward & Mary Ann Prybolsky for their heavenly birthdays this month and 20th anniversary of dad's death by Daughter, Terry & Son-in-Law, Mike Gilliam
- Shrine Room – Infant of Jesus – In memory of Walter & Julia Birchess by Damian Birchess
- OLMC In memory of Theresa Amato by Daughter, Mary Luscavage & family
- OLMC In memory of our Moms, Virginia Bell & Eleanor Lombard by Gina & Jim Lombard
- OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly family
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Bible Group will meet at the Father Ciszek Center on Thursday, May 11th at 6:30 PM.

For more information, call Sr. Marietta 590-0435 or the parish office 462-1968.

Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, June 1st at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center

Franciscan Group will meet on Thursday, May 18th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.

Marian Catholic High School Information Sessions

Monday, May 15th & Thursday, May 25th. 4:30 PM-6:00 PM.

Come tour the school and get information on how to make Marian education possible.



Rosary on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima will be held on Tuesday, June 13th at 7:00 PM in Our Lady of Fatima Cemetery at the Grotto. Fatima Rosary will be said on the 13th of every month until October.

Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal On this Mother's Day weekend please remember all mothers in every circumstance, Mothers who give tirelessly of themselves, who are managing busy schedules, dealing with outside influences and may have fallen upon hard times and have come to our Diocese for assistance. If you have any questions, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

Why do Catholics Celebrate the Ascension? Jesus' Ascension into heavenly glory is good news. Sacred Scripture explains that in the Ascension, Jesus, the High Priest, entered the heavenly temple to pray for us with the Father (Hebrews 9:24). Secondly, from his throne in heaven, Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit, who keeps us connected to Him, especially in the Eucharist. Lastly, since Christ entered into eternal glory, we as the members of His Body, the Church, may hope to follow if we remain faithful to Him.

OLMC Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman
Jesus Crucified – 14 Day – Special intentions

St. Casimir

- Sanctuary In loving memory of my dad, George Rittle by daughter, Maria
- Czestochowa In memory of Regina Lusavage by Mary Lusavage & family
- Czestochowa In memory of Michalik, Mentel, Szura, Zelonis, Lenkaitas & Shirvinski families by Michael & Marie Michalik
- Czestochowa In memory of our dad, John F. Baginski by Baginski family
- Divine Mercy In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria
- Divine Mercy In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children
- Divine Mercy Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski
- Divine Mercy Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Benjamin, Morgan & good health for Abby
- Divine Mercy In loving memory of John T. McGuire by wife, Peg
- Blessed Mother Health & blessings for Fran by Maria
- Blessed Mother Good health for Helene Grutza by Mary Kufro
- Blessed Mother Happy Mother's Day in heaven, dear Mom & Sister, Bertha Pukavage & Joann Kacelowicz by Carol & Bob
- Blessed Mother In memory of Joe & Joestelle by wife & mother
- Blessed Mother In memory of Catherine & Catherine Mary Guzinski by Terry & Joe Richardson
- Blessed Mother Good health & God's blessings for my Mom, Jo Marie Rittle on Mother's Day by Daughter, Maria
- Blessed Mother In loving memory of my Grandmother, Mary Karlesky by Granddaughter, Maria
- Blessed Mother In loving memory of my Grandmother, Elsie Rittle by Granddaughter, Maria
- Blessed Mother In loving memory of my Sister-In-Law, Suzanne Ellen Rittle by Maria Rittle
- Blessed Mother Special intentions, in thanksgiving, good health for Msgr. Bocian, Stephen Bocian, Fr. Dene, Brian Rooney, Estelle McLaren, George Huss, Dawn, Abby, Gary Sr., Joann & Mike Evans
- Blessed Mother Special intention by Lisa Rittle
- Blessed Mother In loving memory of my mom by Tricia
- Blessed Mother In loving memory of Lillian Mankiewicz by Fran & Maria
- Sacred Heart Special intentions for Marc
- St. Anthony Special intentions for Marc

Chapel

- Sanctuary Special intentions by Msgr. B
- Blessed Mother Prayers & good health for Emily Seigel by uncle Ed & aunt Kerri
- St. Joseph Special intentions by Msgr. B

Congratulations to the following children who received First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 29th at Divine Mercy Parish:

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| Luis Miguel Bautista | Christian Bender |
| Paige Conley | Alexandria Coronado |
| Alexa Flores | Alixmath Flores-Zamudio |
| Brynn Hannis-Miskar | Omar Hernandez |
| Ian Mateo Rodriquez | Addisyn Marquardt |
| Cameron Nitolo | Brayellie Paniagua |
| Yazneidy Pantoja Granados | Daleyza Pantoja Zamudio |
| Alexis Porfirio | Guadalupe Ramirez |
| Madelyn Reese | Austin Tedesco |
| Aaron Thomas | Eder Velazquez Ramirez |

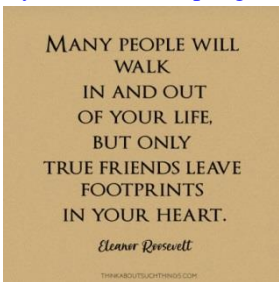


May God bless and protect these children!

Nativity Happenings:

Nativity High School is pleased to announce that Mr. Michael Grabowski will be our new Dean of Students beginning on June 5. He is a 1998 graduate of Nativity BVM High School and has a B.S. degree from West Chester University in Mathematics, a M. Ed. From DeSales University and is working on his Principal Certification through Alvernia University. Mr. Grabowski has spent much of his teaching career at Tamaqua High School and is a veteran of the PA National Guard. Mr. Grabowski is married to Annie Kimber Grabowski, Nativity Class of 1999, and they have three children, Ethan and Ryan at Nativity and Ella at Assumption BVM. He and his family are active members of St. John the Baptist Parish in Pottsville. The Nativity family is excited to welcome Mr. Michael Grabowski to the staff!

“Fund Raising Highlights” Meetings scheduled... Thank you to all who attended our second re-organizational meeting and the attendance was very encouraging. Please note that we are in need of younger parishioners to assist our group. We ask that you please spread the word to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, May 16th at 6:30 at Trinity Academy School. Our main focus was to discuss and commit to participating in the Shenandoah Kielbosi Festival/Heritage Day as our first fundraiser for the year. Many new ideas were also discussed and a special thanks to everyone for their input going forward.



Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated on **Monday, May 30th at 8:00 AM** at Divine Mercy Church.



Divine Mercy Parish at Heritage Day/Kielbosi Festival May 20, 2023

This year our parish will have a stand for Heritage Day/ Kielbosi Festival

Our menu will consist of:

Bundookies (Meatballs), Haluskie, Pizza Fritta, Italian Sausage Hoagies and Desserts.

50/50 Raffle will also be available.

Come and join us for a fun filled day and be proud of your heritage and support your parish and other vendors.

Heritage Day May 20, 2023

Will be combined with Kielbosi Festival

The Lithuanian Contingent for Heritage Day & The Parade of Nations set for May 20th is extending an invitation to men, women & children with some Lithuanian Heritage to participate. No costume is necessary & people do not need to be Shenandoah residents to participate. Please join & preserve your heritage. Heritage Day & The Parade of Nations are sponsored by the Revitalization Group – Downtown Shenandoah, Inc. If interested in marching in the parade, please contact the parish office at 462-1968.

“Calling All Slovaks” Heritage Day is approaching us fast – May 20th and we are looking for all men, women and children to participate in the Parade of Nations. Be proud of your heritage and march with your Slovak friends. If you are unable to march we may be able to provide a car in order for you to participate. For further information, please call Mary Ann at 462-0883.

Show Your Polish Pride and Join Us we are asking children and adults to participate with our Polish Contingent in the Shenandoah Heritage Day Parade on Saturday, May 20th. Your willingness to march with us will be greatly appreciated. Feel free to contact the rectory about attire, etc. Our Polish group will line-up at 9:30 AM on North Jardin Street. We hope to continue marching with our Shenandoah Heritage Parade with your cooperation.

Our Bulletin Company is Moving to a New Location

As John Patrick Publishing prepares to celebrate our 32nd anniversary, we are excited to announce our relocation plans which will enable us to continue to grow and be able to offer the excellent customer service which has become our trademark. As you can imagine moving all the printing equipment and putting everything in place at our new location in Ivyland, PA will be very challenging. We have spent many hours in preparing for this transition and tried very hard to keep any inconvenience to you at a minimum. We do need to ask for your help via early transmission of your bulletin copy during the month of May.

SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS

The May 28th bulletin is due 5/18 -- candles, memorials etc. due in office by 5/15



Bautismos Todos están invitados a bautizar a sus hijos. Aún si usted no está casado en la Iglesia se puede bautizar a su bebé. Sin embargo, le pedimos que seleccione una pareja que se casó en la Iglesia Católica para ser sus padrinos. Si un padrino / madrina es una persona soltera, él / ella puede convertirse en una condición de que, esa persona ha recibido el bautismo. Por favor, tenga en cuenta que una pareja, civilmente casada o una persona que vive junto a otra persona como una pareja no está calificada para ser un padrino/madrina. Si son de fuera de nuestra parroquia, por favor, díles de obtener un certificado de elegibilidad de su pastor al menos dos semanas de anticipación. Padre llevará a cabo clases de bautismo, tanto para los padres y padrinos y administrar el rito del bautismo. Por favor, visite la oficina parroquial (108 W.Cherry St., Shenandoah. Teléfono 570 (4621968) para reservar fechas y rellenar formularios. El proceso es muy fácil.

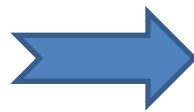
Diocesan Information

If a Prenatal Diagnosis is Poor...You are not alone. There is help. The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. For support, contact: Sr. Janice MarieJohnson,. Johnson@allentowndiocese.org or 610-289-8900 x 245.

Victim Assistance Coordinator The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. Victim Assistance Coordinator—**Direct Telephone Number:** 1-800-791-9209. To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown’s Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on “Youth Protection ” in the upper right hand- corner of the page.

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR ASCENSION THURSDAY & MAY 20TH-21ST ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
5:30 Ascension Thursday	Grochowski, Anne	McGauley, Delmy	Estrada, Caesar Estrada, Jose
4:00 PM	Maskornick, Sherri	Mealia, Patrick	Blank, Name
7:30 AM	Selvocki, Joseph	Grochowski, Jennifer	Snitzer, Isabella
10:00 AM	Taylor, Anne	Phillips, Kathy	Selbi, Jennifer Rakus, Evan



May Schedule is available on Website...

dmparish.com

A note from the Parish Office: If you switch with someone for a specific weekend, we ask that you please notify the office. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat ~ An intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion. In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations and activities flowing from the meditations, you can experience God’s compassion and forgiveness. For registration information contact: Carol Swavely, MA, 1-866-3RACHEL (Toll Free) or 610-435-1541, ext. 373. You may also email Carol at carolswavely@ptd.net. The retreat will be held May 19th – 21st, 2023. Deadline for registration is May 12th.

Diocesan Event Coming Soon to Schuylkill County!

Women’s Easter Retreat - Wednesday, May 24th from 6:00-8:00 PM, at St. Anne’s Church, 49 North Line St., Frackville. Social to follow at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall (Nine South Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville). Women of all ages are invited to enjoy Mass, refreshments, a reflection on sharing the Good News, and Adoration with opportunity to go to Confession. Event is free (sponsored by the Bishop’s Commission for Women, Diocese of Allentown). Register today! <https://forms.gle/sfSWbN5EsUwyxFUr7>

St. Joseph Center is participating in a Diocese-wide lip-dubbing competition, Make a Joyful Noise, and we need your support! Please visit www.weloveourcatholicschools.com to see SJC and other schools from around the Diocese celebrate the spirit and joy of Catholic education. Funds raised will go directly to our programs. Thank you for making SJC a winner!

April Lotto Winners

Rose Chiaretti	#500	\$25.00	Eve	4/4
Maryann Wassel	#650	\$25.00	Day	4/6
Lucille Palmer	#469	\$150.00	Day	4/9
Joe & Joanne Cugusi	#513	\$25.00	Day	4/14
Rose Chiaretti	#500	\$25.00	Eve	4/17
Betty Ann Bugden	#509	\$50.00	Day	4/19
Deb Abrachinsky	#603	\$50.00	Day	4/21
Donna & JR Kowalski	#501	\$50.00	Day	4/23

Additional Easter Memorial

\$10 In memory of Florence & Raymond Sr. Filozof & Ann Spaar by Ray Filozof

Attention all Safe Environment Coordinators!

Mandated reporter trainings and Protecting God’s Children Workshops will now be available virtually. If you are interested, please contact Pam Russo Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services
P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538
610-871-5200 ext. 2204
prusso@allentowndioocese.org

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.

Servicio de Denuncia de Abusos de Obispos Católicos

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Financial Report -- March

Net March Income	\$ 34,184.77	Expenses	\$ 54,077.67
		Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
		Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
Total Income	\$ 34,184.77	Total Expenses	\$ 65,522.67
Expenses over income	\$ 31,337.90	This shows a loss of	\$ 31,337.90

Open Registration for the 2023-2024 Divine Mercy Pre-School Program

Under the Direction of Mrs. Sharon Tobin, B.A. Exceptional Child Study. Pre-school will be held at the Fr. Walter Cizek Education Center (Trinity Academy), 233 W. Cherry Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976 - Phone 462-3927.

Children ages 3, 4 and 5 are welcome to attend for half and/or full day Pre-School classes Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Our Pre-School Program follows a modified Montessori method to prepare your child for the world of learning and his/her admission to Kindergarten. Attendance five days per week allows your child to benefit by participating in more of the learning opportunities provided.

Registration began on February 21st at the above-mentioned address. Our Registration fee of \$75.00 is non-refundable. You may register from 9:00 AM -2:00 PM each day in school. Please call Sr. Patricia Mount at 462-3927 to set up an appointment or to request a registration packet.

Divine Mercy Parish Pierogies are available at the parish office \$ 8.00 per dozen.



Father’s Day Spiritual Envelopes are included in with your May envelopes. These fathers will be remembered in a special Mass on Father’s Day and also during the month of June. You may place more than one name on an envelope.

Mother’s Day Poem

Her hands held me gently from the day I took my first breath.

Her hands helped to guide me as I took my first step.

Her hands held me close when the tears would start to fall.

Her hands were quick to show me that she would take care of it all.

Her hands were there to brush my hair, or straighten a wayward bow.

Her hands were often there to comfort the hurts that didn’t always show.

Her hands helped hold the stars in place, and encouraged me to reach.

Her hands would clap and cheer and praise when I captured them at length.

Her hands would also push me, though not down or in harm's way.

Her hands would punctuate the words, just do what I say.

Her hands sometimes had to discipline, to help bend this young tree.

Her hands would shape and mold me into all she knew I could be.

Her hands are now twisting with age and years of work,

Her hand now needs my gentle touch to rub away the hurt.

Her hands are more beautiful than anything can be.

Her hands are the reason I am me.