

## “Member Profile”

*This week's feature : Gloria Starr*



I was born in Cleveland Ohio. My family lived on E. 19<sup>th</sup> St, right in the heart of what is now the Playhouse Square District. When I was growing up, we could walk to the Palace Theatre and see movies in black and white, or walk to Woolworths and get French fries covered in gravy.

I had 3 sisters and one brother. My brother was the youngest and spoiled by his 4 sisters. When I was in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade, my parents decided to move to the West side.

I got married and had three daughters, Angela, Gina, and Ali. I have 7 grandchildren, one is an Angel in heaven and 4 great grandchildren! After 20 years of marriage, I chose to become a single mom. That meant that I had to work several jobs. I worked as a waitress while working for the Cleveland Diocese, and while completing an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood at Tri-C. Teaching kindergarten and working with Dr. Richard Starns was a highlight of my life.

However, when I was offered the job of manager for Bearden's, I took it, because that position allowed me to have a better income with only one job. I kept that job for 23 years, until Beardens sold. I loved mentoring the high school kids we employed, and I am still in touch with many former staff and customers. When Beardens eventually sold, I took a job at the Renaissance, ( Eliza Jennings), as a pantry chef.

It was during my time between jobs that I got to know my neighbor, Susan Hesse. She introduced me to Prince of Peace and all the kind and friendly members. That was 11 years ago. POP has become the church home and the supportive community that I was searching for. I enjoy being part of Altar Guild and Quilters,

I am thankful to all the members of POP for helping me with prayers and kindness through the tough times in my life. I feel that I have been truly embraced by the POP community.

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