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Dear Parishioners:

Have you ever thought you had somebody “figured out” and then they surprised you with a new twist on their personality? This can happen even with a spouse as the mystery of their person continues to unfold for a life-time. The mystery of the human person is daily present be they friend, foe or stranger.

Part of our spiritual journey includes more consciously admitting we are unable to figure out the mystery of any human being. Sure, we can develop opinions of people as long as we refrain from judging them. To accept people in their mysterious uniqueness is the way of living more peaceably. Our judgments of people tend to block our ability to be in the mystery of people because we are focused on the judgment. Part of “dying to self” includes letting go of our judgments on people and more humbly observing their mysterious uniqueness. By doing so, our lives will be enriched by our deepened understanding of various people including those we, perhaps, live with. Also, life will be more peaceable for us as we more readily thank God for the gift of human uniqueness.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry