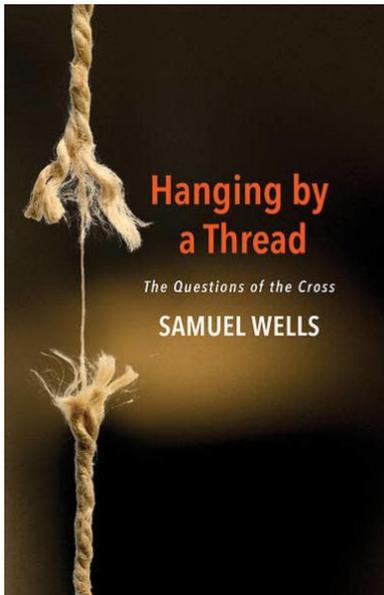


# What's Happening at St. Mary of the Hills

March 2022



## Hanging by a Thread: The Questions of the Cross

Our Lenten Book Companion in 2022

*"Only when we recognize that an easy narration of the cross is finished,  
and our faith is hanging by a thread, can we appreciate  
how the cross represents our salvation."*

-from the Introduction

During the season of Lent, I want to invite us to read together the book, *Hanging by a Thread: The Questions of the Cross*, written by Samuel Wells, Vicar of the Parish of St. Martin in the Fields, London, and former Dean of the Duke University Chapel. Wells invites us to go deeper into the mystery and paradox of the cross, setting aside easy conclusions and daring to sit in the discomfort of sin, brokenness, and death that Jesus' crucifixion exposes. In the discomfort, he suggests, we uncover the deep meaning that the cross offers our lives and our faith.

Copies of the book are available in the Parish Library for a suggested donation of \$10. The book is also available online for purchase or download.

Later in the season of Lent, a few opportunities will be made available (in-person and online) to gather for conversation and reflection. Stay tuned for more details.



## VIRTUAL PREACHING MONKS

### Rector's Forum in Lent

During the Sundays in Lent, we will hear reflections from the brothers of the Society of St. John the Evangelist as they lead us into a deeper exploration of this holy season. Join us each Sunday at 9:00AM in the Parish Hall.

### Episcopal Church Women

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) is back!

All women of the parish are invited to join us for a spring vegetarian potluck on Tuesday, March 8 at 5:30PM in the Parish Hall.



### The Way of the Cross

The Way of the Cross, sometimes called the Stations of the Cross, will be offered each Friday in the season of Lent, beginning March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00PM in the Church.

An online offering of the Stations, developed in 2021 by Virginia Theological Seminary, is available here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7N6dqNV3Wk&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7N6dqNV3Wk&feature=emb_title)



### Feast Days in March

**The Feast of St. Joseph** will be observed on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

**The Feast of the Annunciation** will be observed on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM.

