

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 22, 2026 | Fifth Sunday of Lent



WHERE THE CHURCH IS, THERE ARE HIS MYSTERIES  
- SAINT AMBROSE -

**Reverend Andrew J. Fisher, Pastor**  
**Reverend Michael T. Nugent, Parochial Vicar**  
**Reverend Anthony Appiah, In Residence**

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday | 8 am, 10 am, Noon, 5 pm  
Monday - Friday | 7 am, 9 am  
Saturday | 9 am, 5 pm (Vigil)  
Holy Days | As announced

## **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturday | 9:30 am, 3 - 4 pm

## **MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**

Saturday | After 9 am Mass

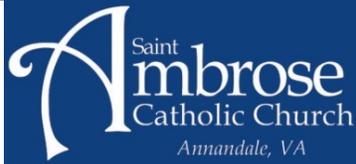
## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

First Friday | 9:30 am - 7 pm (Benediction)

## **SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

703-698-7171 | [stambroseschool.org](http://stambroseschool.org) | [info@stambroseschool.org](mailto:info@stambroseschool.org)

3901 WOODBURN ROAD | ANNANDALE, VA 22003 | 703-280-4400 | [STAMBROSEVA.ORG](http://STAMBROSEVA.ORG)



*Welcome!*

Whether you are a parishioner, a visitor, seeking a parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith, or interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, we welcome you to St. Ambrose and invite you to become a member of our growing parish family.

**PARISH OFFICE**

Monday - Friday | 9 am - 4 pm  
3901 Woodburn Road | Annandale, VA 22030  
703-280-4400 | stambroseva.org  
email: dvasilakos@stambroseva.org

**CLERGY**

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**STAFF**

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703-698-7171 | principal@stambroseschool.org

**Jennifer Wyse, Director of Religious Education**  
571-640-9938 | DRE@stambroseva.org

**Lissie Torres, Youth Minister**  
703-280-4400 | YM@stambroseva.org

**Jon Laird, Obl.OSB, Director of Music**  
703-280-4400 | jlaird@stambroseva.org

**Alfonso Dominguez, Plant & Facilities Manager**  
703-280-4400 | facilities@stambroseva.org

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

The parish bulletin deadline is 14 days prior to the desired Sunday publication date. Please email your announcement request to Donna Vasilakos, dvasilakos@stambroseva.org

**ISSUES AFFECTING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

The Diocese of Arlington website provides a resource page with information about recent events affecting the Church. Child protection policies and responses to the crisis, from Bishop Burbidge and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, are available at arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection

**SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION**

**Parish Registration:** Parish membership is necessary for Baptism, Matrimony, or Sacramental Sponsor Forms. **In order for a Sponsor Form to be issued, one must be a registered/participating member of the Parish for at least three months.** Please notify the Parish Office of any change on your registration form, telephone number, address, temporary absence, etc. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office and at stambroseva.org/registration



**Baptism:** First-time, expectant parents must attend an instruction class prior to the Sacrament of Baptism. Call the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements. Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sundays following the Noon Mass.

**Matrimony:** Registered parishioners who wish to be married at St. Ambrose, or to be prepared for marriage in another parish, must, by Diocesan policy, begin the required preparation at least six months prior to the proposed date for their marriage. Contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

**Returning to the Church:** If you are Catholic and returning to the Sacraments, or to the practice of the faith, we welcome you back! If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact a priest at the Parish Office or after Sunday Mass. We're happy to help you come back home to the Catholic Church.

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA):** The process through which a person is initiated into the full sacramental life of the Catholic Church through weekly instruction. If you or someone you know would like to inquire about the life of Jesus Christ and the beliefs and teachings of His Church, please contact the Director of Religious Education, 571-640-9938 or DRE@stambroseva.org.

**Sick Calls:** Contact the Parish Office to schedule visits to the sick and/or homebound for the Sacraments of Penance, the Eucharist & the Anointing of the Sick.



**Mass Intentions** Pray for people in need, both living or deceased, by having a Mass said for that intention. Masses can be offered to celebrate Baptisms, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Confirmations, Special Intentions, Weddings or other needs.

**Devotional Candles** for the St Ambrose Shrine in the Narthex are available for a \$4 donation.

For Mass Requests, please visit the Parish Office, Monday through Friday, 9 am - 4 pm. Devotional Candles may be purchased during Parish Office hours or from the ushers before/after weekend Masses.

**PARISHSOFT ONLINE GIVING**

Our online giving platform is ParishSoft. **The login is at [bit.ly/sacc25](http://bit.ly/sacc25)** Your Faith Direct email and password remain the same for ParishSoft login.



**CHURCH CONSTRUCTION DEBT REDUCTION**

To complete the new church, the parish took out a loan of \$2.9M from the diocese. The loan hasn't been amortized yet. Details are available at [bit.ly/StAmbroseReduceDebt](http://bit.ly/StAmbroseReduceDebt). Any amount you can give to help with the reduction of this debt is greatly appreciated. For those receiving envelopes, a debt reduction envelope has been added. For those using online giving, a debt reduction line item has been added to ParishSoft.



# FAITH FORMATION

OCIA | Religious Education | Youth Ministry | Bible Studies | Discussions

## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

[stambroseva.org/OCIA](http://stambroseva.org/OCIA)

September - May | Mondays | 7 - 8 pm | Parish Hall  
Jennifer Wyse, Director of Religious Education  
DRE@stambroseva.org | 571-640-9938

OCIA is the Church's process for people over the age of seven who want to become Catholic and are not baptized or baptized in another Christian tradition and Baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

[stambroseva.org/RE](http://stambroseva.org/RE)

September - May | Grades K-8 | Sundays | 8:45 - 9:45 am | School  
Jennifer Wyse, Director of Religious Education  
DRE@stambroseva.org | 571-640-9938

Instruction for public/non-Catholic school students. Classes include preparation for First Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation.

## JESUS, MARY & A CUP OF JOE

[stambroseva.org/JMJ](http://stambroseva.org/JMJ)

September - May | Sundays | 8:45 - 9:45 am | School Gym  
Learn more about the faith & enjoy fellowship, coffee and conversation. All adults welcome!

## APOLOGETICS 101

[stambroseva.org/BibleStudy](http://stambroseva.org/BibleStudy)

Third Tuesdays | 7 pm | Parish Hall  
January - August 2026 | Defending Our Faith  
Lee Cena, Facilitator

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

[stambroseva.org/BibleStudy](http://stambroseva.org/BibleStudy)

Wednesdays | 9:30 am, Snack 10 am - Noon, Study | Parish Hall  
January - April 2026 | Foundations of Faith  
Ron & Mary DeSantis, Ann Rossi, Facilitators

## FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

[bit.ly/FridayAMBibleStudy](http://bit.ly/FridayAMBibleStudy)

Fridays | 9:30 - 11 am | Parish Library  
Carol Russell, Coordinator

All are welcome to drop in and discuss the upcoming Sunday's gospel.

## ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP

[bit.ly/stambrosemensgroup](http://bit.ly/stambrosemensgroup)

Second & Fourth Saturdays | 7 - 8:30 am | Parish Hall  
Father Nugent, Facilitator | [frnugent@stambroseva.org](mailto:frnugent@stambroseva.org)

All men, 21 and older, are invited to join for prayer, coffee, conversation and faith formation.

## WALKING WITH PURPOSE: WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

[stambroseva.org/WWP](http://stambroseva.org/WWP)

Wednesdays | 7 pm | Parish Hall | January 28 - March 11  
Julia Waterman, Coordinator | email: [wwwp@stambroseschool.org](mailto:wwwp@stambroseschool.org)

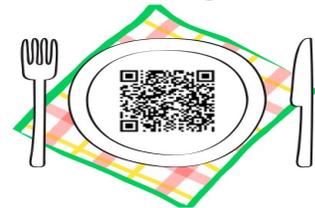
Open to all women of the parish. Please RSVP/register/order the study materials at [stambroseva.org/WWP](http://stambroseva.org/WWP)

# Youth Group

Lissie Torres, Youth Minister  
703-280-4400 | [YM@sstambroseva.org](mailto:YM@sstambroseva.org)  
[stambroseva.org/YouthGroup](http://stambroseva.org/YouthGroup)

## dinner dates!

Support the St. Ambrose High School Youth Group



Sign up now to provide dinner & dessert  
[bit.ly/YouthMinistryMeals](http://bit.ly/YouthMinistryMeals)

Help with the formation of our teens by providing a dinner & dessert for 15. The High School Youth Group meets on Sundays from 6 to 8 pm in St. Ambrose School Gym; dinner is served at around 6 pm each week. [Sign up now](#). Thank you for your generosity! God bless!

## Saint Ambrose Summer Camp Staff



JUNE 8 - AUGUST 7, 2026

counselors needed: rising college freshmen and older  
[stambrosesummer.com/employment](http://stambrosesummer.com/employment)

## PRAY FOR MORE VOCATIONS

"I am the resurrection and the life." (John 11:25)

Jesus' promise of new life inspires all vocations. Could He be calling you to the priesthood, to bring His Word to others through the sacraments? Open your heart to His plan. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 703-841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

## Seminarian Education Endowment

Forming Future Priests for the Diocese of Arlington

The Seminarian Education Endowment at the Catholic Foundation of Arlington provides essential financial support for the education and formation of men preparing for the sacred priesthood in the Diocese of Arlington. This endowment ensures that no worthy vocation is hindered by the rising costs of seminary education. More details at [bit.ly/CDASeminarianFund](http://bit.ly/CDASeminarianFund)

## FORMED

DISCOVER THE FAITH  
ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.  
[bit.ly/formedfaith](http://bit.ly/formedfaith)



## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 23: Lenten Wkdy; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop</b> Jeffrey Burrill Mrs. Virginia Francis †
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 24: Lenten Wkdy; St. Oscar Romero, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b> Nicki Coss Josephine Bourgeois †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 25: The Annunciation of the Lord</b> Joseph, Angela, Lucy, & Nicholas Reninger Jim Hannan †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 26: Lenten Weekday</b> Loretta Tomasini † Nicogossian Family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 27: Lenten Weekday</b> Rosemary & David Flynn Vivienne Samperio †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 28: Lenten Weekday</b> Autumn York Jamie Coniglio
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 29: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> People of the Parish Summer & Gordon Woods Cory Elder Maryellen & Ed York



April 3 | No First Friday Adoration

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### For the Sick

Irene Anderson, Katie Bader, Josephine Crosby, John Crowley, Kathy d'Alelio, Ken Dinger, Conor Doyle, Marianne Haley, Amy Hobbs, Larry Holmes, George Hughes, Kathleen Johnson, Lauren Elizabeth Kasyr, Robert Koldys, Helen (Dolly) LaViolette, Thomas LaViolette, John Maskeny, Lois LeFebvre, Meghan Lewis Logeais, Kathleen Monachino, Lou Osborn, Liz Post, Joyce Pueblo, Amor Regala, Marcelina Respuesto, Diane Rispoli, Lisa Rhoads, Jean Reed Saylor, Fr. Spychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

### For Our Diocesan Priests

Mar 23 Rev. Tarsicio D. Buitrago (Ret.)  
Mar 24 Rev. Jason C. Burchell, LT, CHC, USN  
Mar 25 Rev. Richard T. Carr  
Mar 26 Rev. Emmanuel Carreno-Garcia  
Mar 27 Rev. Mark F. Carrier  
Mar 28 Rev. Christopher P. Christensen  
Mar 29 Rev. Msgr. Robert C. Cilinski, VF

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."  
- Jn 11:25

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### 7 Churches Pilgrimage 2026

On Holy Thursday, April 2, people throughout our Diocese will enter this pilgrimage of remaining with Jesus in the garden. The 7 Churches Pilgrimage is an opportunity to connect with an venerated tradition of the Church in a new way! Created by the Diocese of Arlington Young Adult Ministry, this pilgrimage weaves together passages from all four Gospels to take you through the narrative of Jesus' time in the garden of Gethsemane. Learn more about the 7 churches pilgrimage at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/7-churches-pilgrimage-2026/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/7-churches-pilgrimage-2026/)



## THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

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**Peace Be With You: A Silent Retreat for Young Adult Men**

All young adult men (ages 19-35) are invited on "Peace Be With You: A Silent Retreat" led by Fr. Philip Briggs at San Damiano April 17-19. Join Fr. Briggs for a time of silence, prayer, and rest as we reflect on the graces received during Lent and the celebration of the Paschal Triduum. Fr. Briggs will guide participants in contemplating the post-Resurrection accounts found in Scripture and will offer opportunities for spiritual guidance and personal prayer. Men from across the Diocese are invited to gather for this retreat experience and deepen their relationship with our Resurrected Lord. For more information and to register, visit our website: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/peace-be-with-you/>

**Finding Jesus with St. Stephen – Men’s Silent Retreat**

Retreat to our Arlington Diocese’s San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia and savor the silence with your brothers. St. Stephen, the Proto-Martyr, as he was being stoned to death, saw “the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God” (Acts 7:56). Through his eyes, we too can look into heaven and behold Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, entering more fully into the hidden mysteries of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This vision can radically transform both our worship and our daily lives. Fr. John O’Donohue will lead this silent retreat. The retreat begins at 6 pm Friday April 24 and concludes Sunday April 26 at noon. Retreat cost is \$299, and financial assistance may be available. For further information or to register, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at: [mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org) or visit our website at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat)

**The Resurrection and Divine Mercy - Women’s Silent Retreat  
April 10 - 12**

On the weekend of Divine Mercy, we will treasure and ponder the great events of Resurrection day and the weeks that follow as they are described in the four Gospels - comparing, contrasting, and harmonizing apparent "contradictions" between the accounts. Only a deep and abiding understanding of the power of Christ’s Resurrection will help us to embrace the Joy that is the Great Gift of our Risen Lord. Fr. John Riley will lead and serve in this endeavor. The retreat begins at 6 pm Friday April 10 and concludes Sunday April 12 at noon. Retreat cost is \$299 and financial assistance may be available. For more information or to register, please contact Fr. John Riley at [retreat@sacredheartwinchester.org](mailto:retreat@sacredheartwinchester.org)

**O** Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore You, a heart to delight in You, to follow and enjoy You, for Christ’s sake. Amen.  
- Saint Ambrose -



**Your Hosts**

- April 12 | Work Camp
- May 3 | Women of St. Ambrose
- May 17 | Young Adults / Women’s Group & Young Professionals Holy Hour

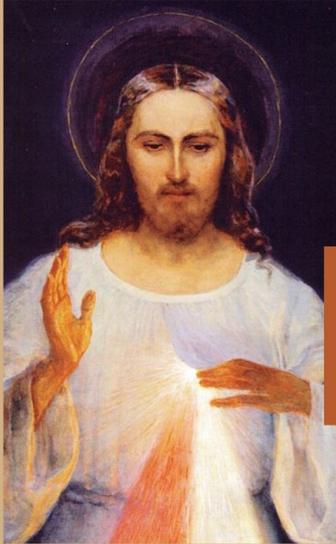
LENT 2026

St. Ambrose Catholic Church



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays | 2:15 and 7:30 pm  
February 20 - March 27



## Divine Mercy Devotions

April 3 - April 12

Divine Mercy Novena | April 3 - April 11

Divine Mercy Sunday | April 12 | 3 pm

- Exposition & Benediction
- Divine Mercy Reflection
- Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**St. Ambrose School Easter Egg Hunt**

The Easter Bunny will visit St. Ambrose a little early to hide some Easter eggs for our families to find. Please join us behind the school on Sunday, March 29 at 1 pm following the Noon Mass. The Egg Hunt is open to kids up to age 10. Please remember to bring a basket or container for each participant. See you there!





**Knights of Columbus®**

**ST. AMBROSE COUNCIL 8403**

Business Meeting | 2nd Tuesday | 7:30 pm  
Social Meeting + Dinner | 4th Tuesday | 7 pm  
Parish Library  
[ambrosecouncil.org](http://ambrosecouncil.org) | [info@ambrosecouncil.org](mailto:info@ambrosecouncil.org)

**Knights Multi Car Raffle!** The tickets for the annual Car Raffle have been distributed. This is the same raffle that we have participated in for the last number of years. Four vehicles will be raffled as well as a \$20,000 cash drawing, along with additional cash drawings totaling \$42,000. The ticket returns are processed at All Saints - as required by the Virginia Department of Charitable Gaming. The raffle directly benefits our parish and many other charitable causes by our Knights of Columbus as it has in the past. We hope that you will support our efforts by buying or selling your tickets. Please make your checks payable to All Saints.



**WSA**  
WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

Second Fridays | 9:30 am | Parish Hall  
[stambroseva.org/WSA](http://stambroseva.org/WSA)  
[WSA@stambroseva.org](mailto:WSA@stambroseva.org)

*Come Walk With Me*

MUSIC • MEDITATION • PRAYER

**Location:** St. Ambrose Catholic Church  
3901 Woodburn Road  
Annandale, VA 22003

**Date:** March 29, 2026 **Time:** 7:00 PM

**Contact:** Parish office at 703-280-4400



**MARK FORREST**  
IRISH TENOR



**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

Saint Ambrose for Life  
[stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life)

**Diaper Drive Weekend Date Change: April 11 & 12**

St. Ambrose Parish supports & provides The MaRiH Center with basic supplies for moms & their babies. Collected at all Masses on the first weekend of each month, **critical needs are diapers (newborn - 6), fall/winter clothes/coats (newborn - 2T), Similac Advance formula, wipes, bibs.** To donate other items, please see [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) or contact The MaRiH Center, 703-370-4774, [marih.org](http://marih.org).

**Rosary for Life | Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm**

**Help + Hope + Healing**

visit [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) for more resources

**Gabriel Project**  
[helpforpregnantwomen.org](http://helpforpregnantwomen.org)  
703-841-3810  
[info@h4pw.org](mailto:info@h4pw.org)

**Diocese of Arlington Catholic Charities**  
703-841-3830  
[www.cdda.net](http://www.cdda.net)

**Project Rachel**  
[helpafterabortion.org](http://helpafterabortion.org)  
703-841-2504  
[Info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:Info@helpafterabortion.org)

**Virginia Catholic Conference** [vacatholic.org/](http://vacatholic.org/)



**The Diocesan Festival returns!**

Save the date for the 2026 Diocesan Festival on Saturday, June 13 in Berryville, Virginia! Join thousands of Catholics from across the Diocese at the Clarke County Fairgrounds for a joyful celebration of faith, freedom and community. As in years past, the festival will open by giving thanks to God with a Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Burbidge, followed by live music, food and drink, amusement rides for children, local vendors, and so much more fun for the whole family. Mark your calendar and stay tuned - more details coming soon! <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/diocesan-festival-celebrating-faith-freedom/>

**A KNIGHT AT THE PREMIERE**



**SCHOOL GALA**

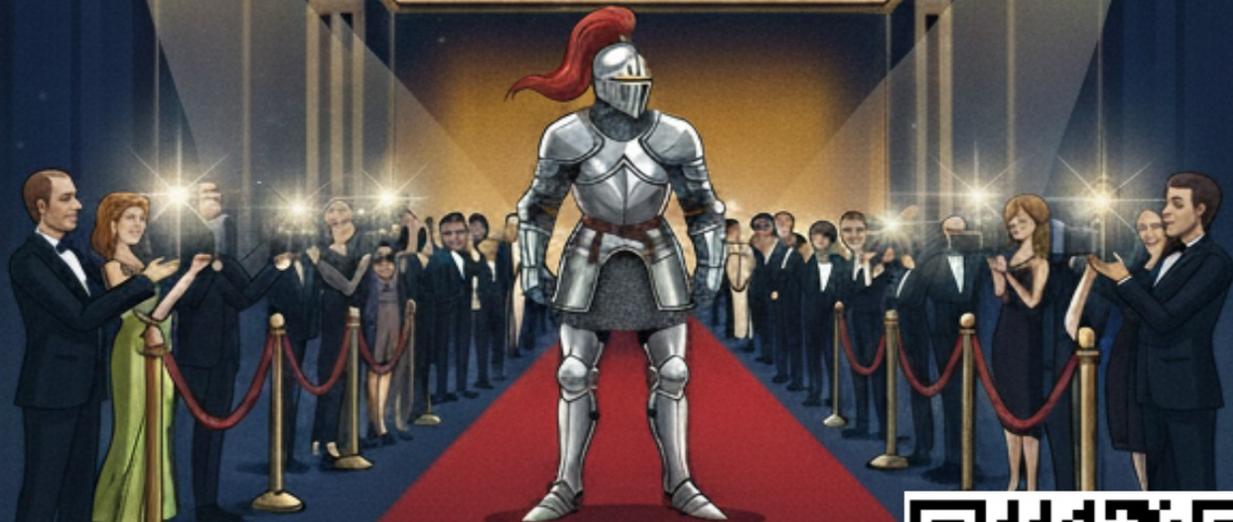
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**SATURDAY, APRIL 25**  
**6 PM | SCHOOL GYM**  
[BIT.LY/SCHOOLGALA2026](https://bit.ly/schoolgala2026)



# A KNIGHT AT THE PREMIÈRE

APRIL 25, 2026

6:00 PM



**EXCLUSIVE 30<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY SCREENING**

*Fundraising Gala &  
Live Band*



St. Ambrose Dual Language Catholic School Gala  
Tickets | Items | Donate Items | More Details | [bit.ly/SchoolGala2026](https://bit.ly/SchoolGala2026)