

Ilene's Lasagna

1 pound Italian sausage

1 clove garlic, minced

1 tablespoon basil

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 pound tomatoes (2 cups, or one large can - I like to use extra)

2 - 6 ounce cans tomato paste

10 ounces lasagna noodles, cooked al denté (not too soft)

3 cups cottage cheese (1 tub)

1/2 cup Parmesan or Romano cheese (I like Parmesan better)

2 tablespoons parsley flakes

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

2 beaten eggs

1 pound mozzarella cheese, sliced thin

Brown meat. Skim fat. add 1st 5 ingredients. Simmer, uncovered 30 minutes. Stir occasionally. Cook noodles, drain. Combine remaining ingredients except mozzarella cheese.

Layer - 1/2 noodles in 13 x 9 x 2 pan (or two 8 or 9 inch squares). Layer 1/2 cottage cheese mixture, 1/2 mozzarella cheese, and 1/2 meat sauce. Repeat. Bake 30 minutes at 350 oven. Cool 10 minutes before cutting. If made early and refrigerated or frozen, bake 45 minutes. This is a wonderful dish to make in halves, eat one and freeze one!