Seasonal Eating



Roasted Butternut Squash Lasagna

8-10 cups peeled and cubed butternut squash, (2 small)

1/2 onion, chopped

1 1/2 tablespoons chopped fresh sage

3 tablespoons olive oil

1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

30 ounces part skim ricotta cheese

2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

2 eggs

1 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese

4 tablespoons butter

2 teaspoons chopped fresh sage

1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme

2 tablespoons flour

2 cups milk

1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

2 tablespoons white wine

9 lasagna noodles, cooked al dente

1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, divided

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided

Squash mixture: Toss squash, onion, sage, olive oil, salt and pepper together. Spread in a single layer on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper and roast for 10 minutes at 425 degrees. Toss and roast another 10 -15 minutes until tender. Remove squash mixture to a bowl and reduce oven heat to 350 degrees. Mash into a chunky mixture.

Ricotta mixture: In another bowl, mix together the ricotta, mozzarella, egg, salt and pepper.

Bechamel sauce: In a saucepan, melt butter and add sage, thyme, salt and pepper. Let cook for a minute then add flour and cook another minute. Add milk and wine and whisk while cooking until boiling and thickened. Add Parmesan cheese.

In a greased 9x13 inch baking dish, cover bottom of pan with a layer of three noodles. Spread with half of the squash mixture and then half of the ricotta mixture. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup mozzarella and 1/4 cup Parmesan. Top with another layer of noodles, remaining squash and remaining ricotta mixture. Sprinkle with another 1/2 cup mozzarella and 1/4 cup Parmesan. Cover with remaining noodles and sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese. Spread the bechamel sauce over the top. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 45 minutes until bubbly and browned. Let rest 5-10 minutes before serving.