

## "Bake what you love and love what you bake" Established 2005 (631) 543 8608 BAKED ZITI

Prep time: 20 minutes Serves 6 to 8 people

## Here is what you need:

1 pound box cooked and cooled ziti pasta

1 pound ricotta cheese

1 egg, slightly beaten

2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

¼ teaspoon salt

Pinch black pepper

1 heaping teaspoon dried parsley (optional)

2 cups shredded mozzarella

4 cups tomato sauce

## Here is how you do it:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

In a large bowl, combine add pasta. Remove one heaping tablespoon of ricotta cheese and place in with the pasta.

Add to the container of ricotta cheese one egg, salt, and pepper; stir well. Pour into the bowl of pasta, then add grated cheese, parsley, and 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese; stir to combine.

In a 9 X 13-inch baking pan, pour 1 to 1 ½ cups sauce just enough to cover the bottom of the pan. Pour pasta mixture over the sauce-prepared pan. Cover with remaining sauce, and place ziti pan on top of a cookie sheet and bake for 30 minutes. Remove pan from oven and add shredded cheese; bake for an additional 15 minutes. Remove from oven, and cool for 10 minutes before serving.