Southwestern Lasagna

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2 tablespoons olive oil

2 medium onions, chopped

2 cloves gasrlic, minced or pressed

1 can (28 ounce) whole tomatoes with juice

1 can (8 ounce) tomato sauce

1 can (4 ounce) chopped mild green chilies (optional)

3 tablespoons chili powder

1 tablespoon cumin

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

1 pound lasgna noodles

1/2 pound Monterey Jack cheese, grated

3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1 pound cottage cheese, small curd

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

In a medium saucepan, combine the oil, onions and garlic. Cook over medium-high heat for 5 minutes. Add the tomatoes and their juice, the tomato sauce, green chilies (if using), chili powder, cumin, salt and pepper. Bring the mixture to a simmer over medium heat. Reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer, uncovered, for 35 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, bring a large pot of water to a boil. Cook the lasagna noodles until al dente, 10 to 12 minutes.

In a medium bowl, toss the Monterey Jack and Parmesan cheese together.

Rinse the lasagna noodles under cold water and drain well. Spoon some of the sauce onto the bottom of a greased 9x13-inch baking dish. Make three layers, using the following sequence: noodles, cottage cheese, sauce and grated cheeses (using only about three-fourths of the grated cheese).

Top the lasagna with any remaining grated cheeses

Bake for 15 minutes. Let stand for 15 minutes.

Pasta

Per Serving (excluding unknown items): 1613 Calories; 120g Fat (64.8% calories from fat); 90g Protein; 56g Carbohydrate; Cholesterol; 5127mg Sodium. Exchanges: 1 Grain(Starch); 11 1/2 Lean Meat; 6 Vegetable; 17 Fat.