

Three Cheese Manicotti

Ingredients

- 20 uncooked manicotti shells
- 2 (15 ounce) containers ricotta cheese
- 5 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 teaspoons dried basil
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 2 (26 ounce) jars spaghetti sauce

Directions

Cook manicotti according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a bowl, combine the ricotta cheese, 3 cups mozzarella cheese, Parmesan cheese, eggs and seasonings. Spread 1 cup spaghetti sauce each in two ungreased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking dishes. Stuff manicotti shells with cheese mixture; arrange over sauce. Top with remaining sauce.

Cover and bake at 375 degrees F for 35-40 minutes. Uncover; sprinkle with remaining mozzarella cheese. Bake 10 minutes longer or until cheese is melted and manicotti is heated through. ❖



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Existing condominium and co-op sales: increased 2.1 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 480,000 units in December from 470,000 in November, but are 18.4 percent below the 588,000-unit level a year ago. For all of 2008, condo sales dropped 21.0 percent to 563,000 units.

Median existing condo price: slipped to \$181,400 in December, down 18.3 percent from December 2007. For all of 2008, the median condo price was \$210,000, which is 7.2 percent below 2007.

Existing-Home Sales By Region

- **Northeast:** slipped 1.4 percent to an annual pace of 720,000 in December, and are 14.3 percent below December 2007. The median price in the Northeast was \$235,000, which is 7.8 percent lower than a year ago.
- **Midwest:** increased 4.0 percent in December to a level of 1.04 million but are 10.3 percent below a year ago. The median price in the Midwest was \$140,800, down 11.4 percent from December 2007.
- **South:** rose 7.4 percent to an annual pace of 1.74 million in December, but are 11.2 percent lower than December 2007. The median price in the South was \$158,600, which is down 8 percent from a year ago.
- **West:** jumped 13.6 percent to an annual rate of 1.25 million in December and are 31.6 percent higher than a year ago. The median price in the West was \$213,100, down 31.5 percent from December 2007.

A Good Time to Buy

NAR President Charles McMillan said it is an excellent time for first-time home buyers with good jobs.

"The typical buyer plans to stay in their home for 10 years, which is the correct approach in today's market," he said. "With historically low mortgage interest rates, flexible sellers, a large inventory, and homes that are selling for less than replacement construction costs in much of the country, buyers who have been on the fence should take a closer look at today's market."

McMillan added that first-time buyers may want to consider an FHA loan, which offers down payments of 3.5 percent on a safe 30-year fixed-rate mortgage. ❖

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