Chicken Parmesan

Serves 4

Ingredients	Quantity
Chicken Breast	4 breast halves
Egg	2
Salt and Pepper	
Bread Crumbs	1 cup
Parmesan Cheese	1/2 cup grated
Flour	2 tbsp
Olive oil (frying)	1 cup
Tomato sauce	1/2 cup
Mozzarella	1/4 cup
Chopped Basil	1/4 cup
Provolone	1/2 cup
Parmesan (finish)	1/4 cup

- 1. Preheat an oven to 450 degrees F (230 degrees C).
- 2. Place chicken breasts between two sheets of heavy plastic (resealable freezer bags work well) on a solid, level surface. Firmly pound chicken with the smooth side of a meat mallet to a thickness of 1/2-inch. Season chicken thoroughly with salt and pepper.
- 3. Beat eggs in a shallow bowl and set aside.
- 4. Mix bread crumbs and 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese in a separate bowl, set aside.
- 5. Place flour in a sifter or strainer; sprinkle over chicken breasts, evenly coating both sides.
- 6. Dip flour coated chicken breast in beaten eggs. Transfer breast to bread-crumb mixture, pressing the crumbs into both sides. Repeat for each breast. Set aside breaded chicken breasts for about 15 minutes.
- 7. Heat 1 cup olive oil in a large skillet on medium-high heat until it begins to shimmer. Cook chicken until golden, about 2 minutes on each side. The chicken will finish cooking in the oven.
- 8. Place chicken in a baking dish and top each breast with about 1/3 cup of tomato sauce. Layer each chicken breast with equal amounts of mozzarella cheese, fresh basil, and provolone cheese. Sprinkle 1 to 2 tablespoons of Parmesan cheese on top and drizzle with 1 tablespoon olive oil.
- 9. Bake in the preheated oven until cheese is browned and bubbly, and chicken breasts are no longer pink in the center, 15 to 20 minutes. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read at least 165 degrees F (74 degrees C).