

White Bean and Sausage Soup

1 tablespoons olive oil

1/4 pound bulk Italian Sausage

1 small onion, finely diced

1 small carrot, finely diced

1 stalk celery, finely diced

2 cloves garlic, crushed

1-1/2 teaspoons dried thyme

2 to 3 cups chicken stock

1 15-ounce can diced tomatoes

½ cup small white beans

8 ounces cooked pasta

Fresh basil

Grated parmesan cheese

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

- Bring a saute pan to medium heat and add the oil.
- Cook the sausage, breaking up with a spoon, until nicely browned.
- Add the onions, carrots, celery and garlic; cook until nicely browned.
- Add chicken stock, tomatoes and beans; bring to a simmer and cook 15 to 20 minutes.
- Stir in pasta; heat until cooked through. Season with basil, salt and pepper. Serve topped with cheese.

Chicken with Sun-dried Tomatoes and Basil

1 tablespoon olive oil

2 boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into medallions

1 shallot, finely chopped

1 clove garlic, minced

1 tomato, diced

¹/₄ cup chopped sundried tomatoes

1/4 cup white wine

½ cup chicken stock

½ cup heavy cream

Fresh basil

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

- Bring a heavy sauté pan to medium-high heat. Add just enough oil to coat the bottom of the pan.
- Season the chicken with salt and pepper. Cook chicken, turning once, until golden brown.
 Remove from pan.
- Add remaining oil; cook shallots and garlic until softened.
- Add the tomatoes; cook until tomatoes are tender.
- Add the white wine; simmer until reduced by half.
- Add the stock and heavy cream; bring to a simmer and cook until reduced and flavors combine.
- Season with basil, salt and pepper.



Crepes

³/₄ cup all purpose flour

1 teaspoons salt

1 cup whole milk

2 eggs

2 tablespoons sugar

1 tablespoon melted butter

½ teaspoon vanilla extract

Butter, softened

Sliced bananas

Chocolate sauce

Whipped cream

- In a mixing bowl, whisk together the flour and salt.
- Whisk in the milk, then the eggs. Stir in the sugar, butter and vanilla.
- Lightly butter a crêpe pan.
- Heat pan over moderately high heat until butter is hot but not smoking.
- Ladle batter into pan, immediately tilting and rotating skillet to coat bottom.
- Cook until crêpe is set and golden around edges.
- Loosen the edges of crêpe; carefully flip crêpe over.
- Cook until underside is set, about 20 seconds more.
- Transfer cooked crêpe to platter and keep warm.
- Repeat to cook remaining crêpes, coating pan with butter each time and stacking crêpes on platter.
- Fill crepes with bananas. Serve topped with chocolate sauce and whipped cream.