## Italian Sausage Strata

Yield: Serves 4 (great with a side salad)

## Strata Ingredients:

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> loaf Italian bread, cut into 1-inch cubes (about 3 cups)
<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> pound Italian-style sausage, casings off and cooked
handful of scallions, thinly sliced
<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup parmesan cheese, grated
<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup mozarella cheese, grated and divided
<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup diced canned tomatoes, drained
3 large eggs
1 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> teaspoon feshly ground pepper handful of basil leaves, thinly sliced



## Pre-heat oven to 325°F.

- **Step 1:** Spray an 8-inch square baking dish with non-stick cooking spray. Spread half of the bread cubes into the pan.
- **Step 2:** In a medium-sized beat together eggs, milk, cooked sausage, Italian seasoning, salt, pepper, basil, scallions and the cheeses (leave some mozarella cheese for the top).
- **Step 3:** Top the bread cubes with ½ of the egg mixture. Put the remainder of the bread on top then pour the rest of the egg mixture over it. Using the back of a spoon gently press the bread into the egg mixture to ensure the bread is not dry.
- **Step 4:** Bake strata until the center is set and the top is lighly browned (about 30-40 minutes).Let strata stand for 10 minutes before cutting and serving.