3 CHEESE MACARONI AND CHEESE

8 servings Prep 20 minutes Cook Time 30 minutes

INGREDIENTS

1/2 c. (1 stick) butter, plus more for baking dish

1 lb. elbow macaroni

1/2 c. flour

5 c. whole milk

1 1/2 tsp. kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

1 tsp. mustard powder

3 c. shredded cheddar

2 c. shredded Gruyère

1 1/2 c. grated Parmesan, divided

1 c. panko bread crumbs

3 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil

Freshly chopped parsley, to garnish

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 375°. Butter a 9"-x-13" baking dish. In a large pot of salted, boiling water, cook macaroni until al dente. Drain and set aside.
- 2. In a large saucepan, melt 1 stick butter. Sprinkle over flour and cook until slightly golden, 2 to 3 minutes. Pour in milk and whisk until combined. Season with mustard powder, salt, and pepper. Let simmer until starting to thicken, about 5 minutes.
- 3. Remove pan from heat and whisk in cheddar, Gruyère, and 1 cup Parmesan. Continue whisking until melted and smooth. Stir in cooked macaroni and transfer to prepared baking dish.
- 4. In a small bowl, combine remaining Parmesan with Panko and oil. Sprinkle mixture over macaroni, then season with more black pepper.
- 5. Bake until bubbly and golden, 25 to 30 minutes.
- 6. Garnish with parsley before serving. Let sit 10 minutes before serving.