

## WESTERN NEW YORK

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Sunday under Difficulties — Special Council —  
Noon-Day Prayer in a Bank — National  
Service

THE ENTIRE section of Western New York has been affected with the Spanish influenza and in most of the larger places, especially in Rochester and Buffalo, all churches as well as other places where people can congregate have been ordered closed. This

necessitates postponement of the special session of the council, which was to have met on October 15th in Rochester to elect a Bishop Coadjutor. The Standing Committee of the diocese now appoints the adjourned meeting of the special council for Thursday, November 14th, at St. Paul's Church, Rochester, to elect a Bishop Coadjutor and to transact such other business as may properly come before it.

A NOON-DAY pause for one minute is observed at Manufacturers and Traders' Bank in Buffalo, one of the busiest in the city, when a prayer for victory and a righteous peace is offered by either one of our own clergy or a minister from one of the other Christian bodies.

CHURCH LIFE in Buffalo is suffering many tribulations. For two "gasless" Sundays a street car strike kept many away from divine worship. Now the "gasless Sunday" ban has been raised, although at the present there is still no prospect of a settlement of the car strike, but there are no churches to which one may go owing to the epidemic. Editorials in the daily press speak of the possibility of taking our "country rides on Sunday once more", but it is to be hoped that when permitted many autoists will once more avail themselves of the privilege of riding to church on Sunday.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Wellsville, has purchased a \$500 Liberty Bond of the fourth issue as a nucleus for a "sinking fund". There are nineteen young men from the parish in the ranks, one woman in Red Cross work, and two more preparing as Red Cross nurses.